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R. M. S. ARCADIA	7912	G. L. Lansborne	11th "
S. CALEDONIA	3934	F. N. Hilyard	18th "
R. M. S. MOMBASA	5132	E. Lyndon	25th "
S. PENINSULAR	6987	T. Leigh	1st Feb.
R. M. S. ARCADIA	7912	J. L. Parfitt	8th "
S. PENINSULAR	6987	W. A. Wheler	15th "
R. M. S. PENINSULAR	6987	T. Leigh	22nd "
S. CALEDONIA	3938	E. H. Gordon	1st March
R. M. S. PENINSULAR	7351	W. A. Wheler	8th "
R. M. S. ARCADIA	7912	G. L. Lansborne	15th "
S. CALEDONIA	7938	E. H. Gordon	22nd "
R. M. S. PENINSULAR	6987	E. Cleves	29th "
R. M. S. ARCADIA	7912	G. L. Lansborne	5th April
S. CALEDONIA	7938	J. L. Parfitt	12th "
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S. PENINSULAR	6987	T. Leigh	26th "

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Bombay, 3rd January, 1902.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on
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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail
H.M.S. MORAVIA	Meconi	3,500	in January 1902
S.S. ANNA	....	2,051	in February 1902.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
CALEDONIA	G. Marcovitch	3,212	23rd Feb., 1902.

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CARTHAGE	4,005	Negre	16th Jan., 1902.
CALEDONIEN	4,255	Blanc	13th Feb., 1902.
SALAZIE	4,255	Aubert	13th Mar. 1902.

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E. SCARPA,
Agent, Austrian Lloyd's S.N.Co.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that a DIVIDEND on the half-year ended 31st December last, at the Rate of Rupees Seven and a Quarter (7 per cent.) per annum, free from Income Tax, will be payable on and after MONDAY, the 13th instant, to Shareholders registered at the Transfer Office of the Bank.

By Order of the Board,
J. BEGBIE,
Secretary and Treasurer.

Bombay, 31st January, 1901.

BANK OF BOMBAY.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Bank will be CLOSED from FRIDAY, the 18th to FRIDAY, the 25th instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.
J. BEGBIE,
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Forms of Tender, Specification, &c. may, on payment of Rs. 5, be obtained from the undersigned, who will on application give any further information that may be required.

2. Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit of Rs. 100 hundred) to be paid to the Chief Accountant in cash, or public securities, and to be forfeited in case of withdrawal of tender or of refusal to sign the Contract.

3. After payment, to make the total deposit equivalent to 5 per cent on the Contract amount will have to be made by the Contractor whose Tender may be accepted.

4. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By order of the Municipal Commissioner,
M.C. MURZBAN, F.R.I.B.A., M. INST. C.E.
Executive Engineer, Municipality.
Executive Engineer's Office, Bombay, 3rd January, 1902.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the 29th ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Company will be held on MONDAY, the 20th January, 1902, at 3 P.M. at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 3, Tamarind Lane, Fort, for the purpose of transacting the following business viz:—

1st. To receive and adopt the Director's Report and Audited Accounts and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st June, 1901.

2nd. To appoint Directors in the room of those who retire by rotation, two are eligible for re-election.

3rd. To appoint Auditors for the year 1901-1902 and to fix their remuneration.

4th. To transact such other business as may be brought forward by the Chairman.

By Order of the Board of Directors
મુલજી જેઠાભાઈ કુંપ
MOOLJEE JAITHA & Co.
Secretaries and Treasurers

N.B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the above COMPANY will be CLOSED from 4th to 25th January, 1902, both days inclusive.

SALES BY AUCTION.

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Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE and Co. will on WEDNESDAY the 8th day of January 1902, sell by Public Auction on their Sale Rooms on account and risk of those concerned at 2 P.M., a collection of valuable diamond rings, consisting of:—One gold Solitaire ring, 8 brilliant and ruby stone, marquise shape; one gold ring, 2 brilliant and ruby stone; one gold three old mine diamond ring, 1 old mine diamond hoop ring, 1 brilliant and emerald ring, 1 brilliant ring, horse shoe shape, besides brilliant, ruby, emerald and sapphire rings, &c., and all to be sold on view one day before the sale.

A deposit of twenty-five per cent. will be required at the time of knocking down of the articles purchased and the balance must be paid and goods cleared away two days after sale.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.,
Bombay, 4th January, 1902. Auctioneers.

MESRIES, JOHNSTON & COMPANY No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREETS, FORT.

A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR CAPITALISTS.

The following property belonging to the estate of the late Sir Tharia Topan will be sold by Public Auction on the undermentioned date and hour at the premises by Messrs. MESRIES, JOHNSTON and Co. under instructions from N. G. Jessawala, Esq., Official Assignee, in Suits Nos. 122 and 124 of 1901.

LOT 4.

On THURSDAY, the 9th January, 1902, at 4-30 p.m.

PROPERTY IN NISHAN PADA ROAD OR NEW BENGALPOORA STREET, BOMBAY.

All that piece of parcel of Fazendari land or ground, together with the messuages, tenement, and dwelling-house standing thereon, situate, lying and being at Nishan Pada Road, also known as New Bengalpora Street, without the limit of Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 2,100 square yards or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and registered in the books of the Collector of Pension and Tax under Nos. 1511-1518 and 1518A, and which said piece is bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the north by land of Jamadar Angria or Nagoo Sayajee, being separated therefrom by a wall, on or towards the south by the Nishan Pada Road leading from the Esplanade Road to Mahim Wood, on or towards the east by the public road leading to Mahim Wood from the Elphinstone Road and

On the west by all that piece or parcel of Fazes land or ground situate without the Fort of Bombay, near near Parel in the Mahim District, in the Registration Subdistrict of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 3,316 square yards or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and registered in the books of the Collector of Pension and Tax under Nos. 1511-1518 and 1518A, and which said piece of land is bounded as follows (that is to say), inner bounded on the north by land of Jamadar Bookhunder, on or towards the south by the Elphinstone Road, on or towards the east by the public road leading to Mahim Wood from the Elphinstone Road, which said messuage dwelling and properties herein firstly and secondly described, and on or towards the easter boundaries of the said messuage, dwelling and premises, and which said lands or ground firstly or secondly hereinbefore described were formerly in the occupation of Messrs. Limm Mills, Limited, and now in the occupation of the Trustees for the debenture holders of the said Limm Mills, Limited.

The owners of the pieces of land are held under a lease dated the 23rd day of August, 1883, and made between Nusserwanji Framji Mistry of the one part and the Limm Mills Company, Limited, of the other part, for a term of 999 years from the 1st day of April, 1883, free from all taxes, at the monthly rent of Rs. 1,000 payable in advance on and regular the 1st day of each and every month, and the buildings and other erections standing on the said pieces of land and premises the subject with all other rights and privileges thereto belonging, with additions and improvements thereto made and erected by the Company or by the Trustees for the debenture holders of the Company, and now standing on the said pieces of land and premises, which messuage, tenements, dwelling-houses and premises are now in the occupation of the Trustees for the debenture holders of the said Limm Mills, Limited.

The Title Deeds consist of a number of conveyances, leases, agreements, &c., and will be produced at the time of sale.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs Little & Co., Solicitors to the Receiver, or to the undersigned.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED MILL PROPERTY AT PAREL BELONGING TO THE DHUN MILLS, LIMITED.

Messrs. MESRIES, JOHNSTON and Co. will, on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of January, 1902, at 4-30 p.m., sell by Public Auction the undermentioned Mill property belonging to the Dhun Mills, Limited, at the Auctioneer's Rooms, No. 4, Forbes and Medows Streets, Fort, under instructions from the Trustees for the Debenture-holders of the Dhun Mills, Limited, appointed to the powers of sale, and vested in the Trustees of trust-deed, dated 1st August, 1899, and made between the Dhun Mills, Limited of the first part, and D. D. Sassoon and E. E. Belilios, of the other part, namely:—All that piece or parcel of land situate at the junction of Varleevandas-Coverdandas and Parel Roads, at the back of Parelsee Aspria or Nagoo Sayajee, being separated therefrom by a wall, on or towards the south by the Elphinstone Road leading from the Esplanade Road to Mahim Wood, on or towards the east by the public road leading to Mahim Wood from the Elphinstone Road and

Secondly.—All that piece or parcel of Fazes land or ground situate without the Fort of Bombay, near near Parel in the Mahim District, in the Registration Subdistrict of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 3,316 square yards or thereabouts, be the same more or less, and registered in the books of the Collector of Pension and Tax under Nos. 1511-1518 and 1518A, and which said piece of land is bounded as follows (that is to say), inner bounded on the north by land of Jamadar Bookhunder, on or towards the south by the Elphinstone Road, on or towards the east by the public road leading to Mahim Wood from the Elphinstone Road, which said messuage dwelling and properties herein firstly and secondly described, and on or towards the easter boundaries of the said messuage, dwelling and premises, and which said lands or ground firstly or secondly hereinbefore described were formerly in the occupation of Messrs. Limm Mills, Limited, and now in the occupation of the Trustees for the debenture holders of the said Dhun Mills, Limited.

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MESRIES, JOHNSTON & Co.,
Bombay 4th January, 1902.

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	Whole Life Premiums.	Premiums Limited to			Payable at death, or in				
		10 years.	15 years.	20 years.	15 years.	20 years.	25 years.		
	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.	Rs. a.		
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27	25 5	54 0	40 10	34 2	65 1	48 6	38 14	27	
28	25 15	54 14	41 5	34 12	65 4	48 9	39 2	28	
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35	31 5	62 4	47 1	39 12	66 13	50 8	41 10	35	
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	15,000	100		75	nil	
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Delhi and Northern India Flour Mills Co., Ltd.	600	100		50	dvd Rs 7	115
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Empire of India Life A. Co., Ld	281	500		60	—	50
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Napier Hotel Co	2,000	100		1	9 pr. ct.	24
Napier Foundry	1,000	100		1	—	65
Oriental Govt. Security Life Assurance	6,000	200		50	12 pr. ct.	120
Phillips & Co. Ld.	14,000	100		100	Nil	28
Port Canning Co.	6,000	500		100	dvd Rs16	437½
Soundy & Co	1,000	100		1,000		70x3
Thacker & Co.	1,500	100			2nd Rs40	700
Tuticorin Co.	1,500	100			dvd Rs6	180
Peninsular Co.	300	251			1	72

PRESS COMPANIES.

				Yearly.		
Akbar	1500	1,000	1,000	125		1,350
Albert Sassoon Printing Co.	2500	500	all	15 pr.		600
Albert (Khatau Makanji)	200	100		11,100	Rs. 85	800
Bolleny	1000	100		1,000	1 pr 85	1500
Bombay Commercial Printing Co. Ltd.	800	100		250	25	375
Bombay Cotton Broking Co. Ltd.	13,000	100		125	Nil.	50
Bombay Steam Printing Co. Ltd.	1000	100		1,000	dvd Rs35	170
Bombay Times Printing Co. Ltd.	2000	200		200	Nil	190
Colaba	500	1,500		1,500	dvd Rs 15	300
Dnyan Indu	1000	100		1,000	dvd Rs40	1,800
Education Printing and Publishing Co.	2400	200			dvd Rs 8	60
Fort	8,000	500		500	dvd Rs20	770
Gujarati	500	500		500	dvd Rs50	490
Harvey and Co. Ltd.						
Satapathy	450	450		90	dvd Rs50	25
Hingoli Press						
Hoe & Co., Ld	1750	100		100	Rs 30	146
Khanderao	500	100		100	dvd Rs 20	450
Mercantile	600	100		125	dvd Rs 5	35
Mofussil Co	125	400		400	dvd Rs50	4074
Muzumdar	1000	250		25	dvd Rs50	1074
New Bombay	600	100		500	dvd pRs50	1000
New Indian	60	125		125	dv Rs 10	145
Prince of Wales	140	500		50	dvd Rs30	370
Rast Goftar (Behram)	800	500		70		30
Sassoon	500	500		500		42
Steel and Punja Lab Co.	100	1,000		1,000	125	1600
Steel Co.	300	1,000		750	30	340
Times of India Mills	200	250		250	Nil.	175
Surat Cotton Press Co., Ld	37	200		all	1	146
Zam Zam	...	37		90	—	Rs 75	108

RAILWAY COMPANIES.

G. I. P. Consolidated Stock		£100	—	—	—	—
B. B. & C.I.R. Co. New £12 Shares		—	£10	—	—	—
Ahmedabad Prantij		£90	90	—	3 pr. ct.	550
Panch Valley Ry. Co.		£90	800	—	4 pr. ct.	374

SPINNING AND WEAVING COMPANIES.

				Half yearly.		
Alliance	1,500	1,100	all		Nil	90
Anglo-Indian	1,341	—		0	Nil	106
Bunder Manufacturing Co., Ld	9,375	50		200	Nil	1274
Bombay Unified	1	1,000		1,000	Nil	248
Bombay Cotton Manufg. Co.	0	500		500	dvd Rs30	415
Carnatic Mills	1,0	1,000		1,000	Nil	550
Central India Mills Co. Ld.	1,0	500		500	Rs 75	1525
Colaba Mills Co. Ld.	1,0	1,000		1,000	Nil	370
City of Bombay Mills	1,0	1,000		1,000	Nil	470
Commercial Mills	1,0	500		500	Nil	370
Colaba Land & Mill	14,000	700		—	nil	295
Coorla Mills	50	1,000		1,000	Nil	350
Currimbhoy Mills	25	1,000		11,000	Nil	460
David Mill	1,400	500		500	Nil	225
Empress	2,100	500		500	Nil	160
Fazulbhoy Mills	1,200	1,000		1,000	Nil	270
Hindustan Manufacturing Co.	57	1,000		1,000	Nil	500
Hindustan Mills	700	500		500	40	870
Howard and Bullough	1,000	50		50	26	215
Hope Mills	500	21,000		1,000	Nil	75
Hyderabad	700	1,000		1,000	Rs. 60	1,000
Imperial Cotton	200	50		100	Nil	105
Indian Cotton	1,000	1,000		1,000	Nil	225
Indo-China Manufactur ing Co.	700	1,000		1,100	Nil	225
James Greaves	1,100	500		500	Nil	225
Jaffer Ali	600	500		500	Nil	320
Jamsetjee Manufacturing Co	1,500	250		250	dvd 8	105
Jeevraj Baliee	1,000	1,000		1,000	no dvd	250
Growkha Co., Ld.	4,000	1,000		1,000	Nil	250
Kinglon	17,500	1,000		1,000	dvd Rs60	625
Kohinoor Manufacturing Co.	1,000	250		250	—	600x3
Kurla						
Lingoo	1,000	1,000		1,000	1 dvd Rs8	310
Leopold	1,500	100		100	1 dvd Rs 8	122
Lord Reay Mills	445	1,000		1,000	Nil	80
Madhavji Dharamsey Manufacturing & Spinning & Weaving Co.	1,000	1,000		1,000	Nil	250
Madras United Manufacturing Co.	350	1,000		1,000	5 dvd Rs 10	2,000
Mazagon	400	1,000		1,000	dvd 40	1,400
Mill Co.	4,01	250		—	Nil	15
Morarji Goculdas	1,041	1,000		1,000	2 dvd Rs 45	1,305
Mysore Silk Manufacturing Co. Ld	4,000	250		250	Nil	9
National	600	1,000		1,000	Nil	nom.
New Great Eastern	1,401	1,000		1,000	Nil	90
Prasad Mills Co. Ld.	142	1,		1,000	Nil	1500
Queen Mills	1,000	1,000		1,000	Nil	250
Rajan Mills	600	1,000		1,000	Nil	600
Sassoon	1,000	1,000		1,000	Nil	550
Shivlogdas Mills	600	1,000		1,000	dvd Rs50	1,000
Standerton	1,000	1,000		1,000	Nil	200
Southern India	1,000	8X		500	Nil	90
Southern Maratha						
Textile	1,313	250		250	Nil	190
Sun Mills, Ld.	1,300	250		12	7 p. c.	90
Sardard Mills Co.	1,000	500		1	10	1st 1-2
Swadeshi Mills	1,000	500		1	10	dvd Rs37	5-24
Sassoon and Allanson	4,000	500			Nil	375
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co.	500	1,000		1,000	Nil	125
Union Mills Ld.	1,000	1,000		1,000	Nil	220
Western India	1,000	1,000		1,000	Nil	

BOMBAY RACES.

5th, 8th, 11th, 13th, and 15th February 1902.
Owners are reminded that Second Entries close, Tuesday 7th January 1902.
CECIL GRAY,
Secretary W. I. T. C.
Bombay, 3rd January 1902.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague. Attacks.	Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	0	0	5
B Mandvi, Chakla, Umarkhadi and Dongri	0	0	23
Market, Bhendi Bazar, Pansaywadi Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao and Khumbharwada	8	8	20
C Khetwady, Girgaum, Chowpatty Walkeshwar and Malabar Hill	7	3	11
D Mazagaon, Tarwady and Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Nowroji and 1st Nagpada	4	0	36
Parel, Sewri and Sion	0	4	18
Mahim and Worli	0	1	6
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospital	0	0	15
Total	78	39	133
Total plague deaths to date	101,386.	86,170	
Same date last year	31	27	151

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

BOMBAY MARKET REPORT.

LONDON, JAN. 2.

2½ per cent. Consols ..... £94 3-16 =
2½ per cent. Reduc ..... £100 1-4 =
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan ..... £106 =
2½ per cent. Jovt. Securities ..... £94 =
Bar Silver in London ..... 25 7-8 = + 1-8
Do. New York ..... 55 7-8 =
Exchange on London at Paris ..... 25'14 = — 1-8
Do. New York ..... 4·86 3-4 = + 1-8
Discount, Bank of England, 4 per cent. =
" Short London Bills 3 1-8 " =
" Indian Bank Bills 3 1-8 " =

Extra Bills on Bombay, Rs. 10,000 1s. 4 1-32d.
Yellow Metal 6.
In New York:—
Receipts at the Port ..... 58,000 bales.
Do, last year ..... 53,000 "
Exports to Great Britain ..... 27,000 "
Do. to Continent ..... 26,000 "
Mid-Uplands ..... 8 7-16"
Futures, month of April ..... 8·11
Do do. July ..... 8·19

Seeds unchanged. Freight Coals Cardiff to Bombay 9.
Arrival.—Worsby Hall.
The Bank of England returns for the week ending Wednesday show the following results:—

Total Bullion	£32,600,000	Inc.	£5,00,000
Public Deposits	£10,400,080	Dec.	£ 300,000
Other do.	£50,400,000	Inc.	£12,800,000
Other Securities	£41,100,000	Inc.	£12,000,000
Notes and Gold	£20,100,000	Inc.	£ 400,000

The Bank's reserve is 33 per cent. of the liabilities.
Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m. on Thursday, the 2nd January 1902:—

Cotton	14,315 bales
Wheat	743 cwts.
Linseed	1,157 "
Rapeseed	1,043 "
Gingellyseed	12,732 "
Poppyseed	150 "
Groundnuts	200 "
Castorseed	1,010 "
Rice	5,932 "
Myrabollams	8,151 "
Cottonseed	21,524 "

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, JAN. 3.

The New Year holidays have intervened since our last report. The Banks have been closed for two days, and most of the markets have also been more or less closed. With the completion of December shipments a quieter feeling prevails in the produce markets, but there is little change to record in prices. The receipts of Cotton in America continue on a much larger scale than last year and prices at home are slightly easier. Reports of trade in Manchester are rather more favourable and a little decline in prices should induce a larger enquiry for the article. Locally our market is not much influenced now by news from home regarding the American crops. Receipts in Bombay have been fairly heavy and shipments are going forward largely to China and Japan. The total shipments to date to the Far East since 1st October are more than three times as large as those made to Europe, and the inquiry still exists to a large scale. There is also a free demand from the local mills, the market is therefore practically independent of any enquiry from Europe. The news from up-country regarding the crop is full of complaints of a plague of rats. The cotton fields are said to swarm with these rodents which pull the cotton out of the pods to get at the seeds and are doing immense damage. Cotton is therefore being hurried in, and the effect of this damage will not be felt until late in the season. From all districts we hear of this plague, which is felt more severely in the northern cotton producing country, but it extends right across the Presidency from Kathiawar to the Berars and into Nagpore. There have been slight reports of rain in parts of the Punjab, but good rains are urgently needed there for the summer crops. Our seeds markets remain stationery in prices and the business of the week under review calls for no special notice. There is a free supply of freight in Bombay, now the December shipments are completed, and as declarations have been made for ready loading against contracts for January shipment some rates are making thier appearance and the tone of the market is slightly easier.

The hardening in the money market recorded last week was accentuated on Saturday and Monday. There was a good inquiry from the Banks for short fixed deposits and the rate advanced to 5 per cent. per annum for two or three months. The Exchange market also firmed up and rates all round advanced one-thirty-second. Bank T. T. was placed at 1-4 1-32 for January-Febru ry delivery and Bank Demand at 1-4 1-16 chiefly against Japan Bills which were sold on rather a large scale during the week. The quotation for sterling bills at three months sight is 1-4 1-4 against quoted rates of 1s. 4d. for T. T. and 1-4 1-32 Demand, but we hear of very few coming out. There is a decline of three-eighths in the London discount rates since last week, the turn of the year having brought the usual ease in the money market there and this may eventually react on our local market. There is not likely to be any special squeeze in India for money this season as the plentiful supply of Counsel Bills received during the past few months combined with the other sources of supply which have been freely made use of, have up to the present time been sufficient for the requirements of the trade. But in the event of a large supply of mercantile bills coming out in the future, the money which has been lying idle in the Presidency towns for the past few months will be quickly absorbed, and some demand will again spring up. At the close the tone of the money market is slightly easier than at the beginning of the week and 4 1-2 per cent is now quoted for short fixed deposits. Since last mail Rupee paper has again moved upwards. Reports were current of large financial arrangements having been made for carrying forward the surplus paper for Monday's settlement. Outstanding options causing complicated positions make fluctuations in the bazaar, the closing rate is about 95 7-8 after touching 96-1

In imports there is a fair business passing in piece goods, and a better enquiry from up country is anticipated in the trade. The metal markets are at a standstill and some decline is recorded in copper and yellow metal. The prices of iron remain stationery. The local yarn market is brisk and a large business is reported during the past week at an advance of 1-16th to 1-8th. The tone at the close is firm both here and in China.

EXCHANGE.

On Monday there was a fairly large business passing in Bank Paper which was placed at 1s. 4 1-32d. for T T and 1s. 4 1-16d. demand for January into February Mercantile Bills were scarce at 1s. 4 1-4d January to March. The Banks were closed on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Thursday morning at reopening, the above rates were still obtainable, and a good business was again done in Bank paper. Bills for Japan came out to a large extent, but sterling wills were again scarce. Some 6 months sight bills were placed at 1s. 4 3-8d. for near delivery. To-day the tone is steady. Bank T. T. can be obtained at 1s. 4 1 32d. for January but the enquiry at the rate seems to be supplied. Bills can be placed at 1s. 4 7-32 March-April and 1-4 3-16 May, and Bank T. T. is quoted 1 4 1. February-March 1s 3 31-32d April-May and 1-2 15 16 June, with Bank demand 1-32 higher. The allotment of Council Bills on Wednesday last was made at one-thirty-second higher than the preceding week's Bills were allotted at 1-4 to the extent of about 49 lakhs, and telegraphic transfers at 1s. 4 1-16d. for 11 lakhs made xtra bills were placed at 1s. 4 1-32d. for 3 1-2 lakhs, The total applications amounted to 1,295 lakhs and the average rate of allotment was 18 per cent.

The following are the closing quotations for ready.

Bank T. T.	1s. 4 1-32d.
Do. Demand	1s. 4 1-32d to 1 4 1-16d.
2 months' sight credits	1s. 4 1-4d.
Do. Shanghai	176 1-2
30 days' sight Hongkong	138
Do. Shanghai	136
Do. Japan	148 1-2

The Mail of 20th December, due in Bombay on Sunday morning brings silver to Bombay £100,000 and gold £10,000 and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	lakhs	35·00
Bombay	"	8·20
Madras	"	4·00 47·20 Lakhs. ₹

The Mail of 27th December, due in Bombay about the 10th instant, brings silver to Bombay £90,000 and gold £30,000 and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	lakhs	33·80
Bombay	"	15·90
Madras	"	3·30=49·00 lakhs.

The Mail of 3rd January, due in Bombay about the 17th instant brings silver to Bombay £30,000 and gold £10,000 and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	lakhs	27·40.
Bombay	"	15·50
Madras	"	9·20.=52·50 lakhs.

MONEY.

The Bank of Bombay statement of the 28th December shows an increase in the trade demand of 38 lakhs and a decline in the cash balance of 24 1-4 lakhs. Other Deposits had decreased 20·35 lakhs and credits undrawn had increased Rs. 94,000. Credits on Securities were 1·23 lakhs down, Loans on ditto 8·06 lakhs up and Bills discounted and purchased were 11·71 lakhs up. The Public Deposits had increased 13·31 lakhs and Banks investments had decreased 1·23 lakhs. The Bank of Bengal statement published on 2nd inst., shows a decrease in the trade demand of 19 lakhs. The Cash balance was unchanged. Government balances had decreased 13·50 lakhs and Bank's investments were 7·50 lakhs up. The Bank rate in both Presidency towns was unchanged at five per cent per annum. The local rate for fixed deposits for two and three months was 5 per cent per annum at the close of the year, but is now again easier at 4 1-2 per cent. per annum.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

There has been an upward movement in rupee paper during the past week, as the surplus for next Monday's settlement has been disposed of by loans and budlees, and the bulls are now demanding deliveries against their purchases. The large option business done for the settlement, declarations against which have to be made to-morrow afternoon, also help to raise prices. A very large business has been transacted since last mail left at prices fluctuating between 95-10 and 96-1 for the near settlement, 96 rate for the second settlement being two annas higher. At the close we quote 95·15 for cash and 5th January and 96-1 for 3rd February.

The following are closing quotations.

Bombay Port Trust 4 per cent repayable 1931	Rs.	103-4	
Do. 4 do. do 1923	"	99-4	
Bombay Municipal debentures 4 do. do. 1938	"	97-4	
Do 4 do. do. 1911	"	96-12	
Bombay Improvement Trust 4 do. do. 1900	"	99-	

SHARES.

The market is steady. Bank of Bombay shares are in demand at 1252. The directors of the Bank have decided to give a dividend of 10 per cent. and 2 per cent. bonus to shareholders. The profit made by the Bank for the half year amounts to Rs. 9,51,244-13-4. Commercial Bank shares are quiet at 50.

Mill shares are quiet but steady. Manikji Petits had gone down to 1450, but they have again improved to 1490. Centrals are quiet at 1525, while Swadeshis are steady at 537 1-2. Colaba Land and Mill shares are reported to have changed hands at about 400. Messrs. Greaves Cotton Co's. Mill shares are quiet at previous quotations. Davids and Standards are quiet at 225 and 195 respectively. Other mill shares are unchanged, and very little business is reported in them.

In Railway Companies, Ahmedabad-Prantej shares have changed hands at 550 while Taptis are quiet at 375. In miscellaneous shares Badhan Piles are steady at 155. Treschers and Kamps at 755 and 200 respectively. Port Canning shares are quiet at 437 1-2. In Press shares Mofussils are quiet at 407 1-2 while Indians and Berars are unchanged at 142 1-2 and 540.

BULLION.

In Gold a small business is passing. A large business has been done in Silver since last mail at advancing rates. The demand from up country is brisk and a large amount has been cleared from the banks during the week. We close firm at the following rates.

English Bar Silver ex duty	Rs.	66·6	ready,
Do.	do.	"	66-6 28th Jan.
Do.	do.	"	66-6 27th Feb.

COAL.

The market continues quiet. Small sales are reported of Bengal coal shortly due, Seshpore at Rs. 13-12. Jardines navigation at Rs. 12-8 and a small quantity of English coal, Duttons Welsh Hartley at Rs. 15-8.

PIECE GOODS.

GREYS.—Prices of standard qualities in 38 and 45 inches, shirtings have gone up by 1-2 to 1 anna and indent business in greater widths is reported to have been done by firms. Mulls and jaconets continue to be neglected and prices have given way by about an anna per piece.

WHITES.—Prices are steady and demand fair. Indent business in jaconets has been done in fair quantities. Dyed goods and prints. There is a good demand for these. Prices are steady with a tendency to rise. Some fair lines of both are reported to have been placed by firms.

FANCIES.—Prices firm and demand fair. The markets on the whole is better and sellers are doing their best to raise their prices. There is also good up country demand for goods in general and, a good improvement, is expected in the near future.

FREIGHT.

THE market is quiet but steady and the enquiry from shippers has fallen off. As several January contracts were declared this week in loading steamers, some rates were made for Hamburg at 15-6 Antwerp at 15 and Marseilles at 14 to 13-6. A small business has been done from March to May open ports at 15s. The Austrian Lloyds booked January to May at 15s. seeds and 16s. Cotton. During the past fortnight the fixtures reported are the S. S. "Donolly" at 15-3 one pp. including Hamburg, March loading. the S.S. "Janeta" at 15 one pp. and 15-6 two pp. January loading: and the S. S. "Lasgoril" at 15s. one pp., and 15-6two pp. also January loading

SEEDS.

There has been a small inquiry for Gingellyseed which has somewhat fallen off at the close and prices are slightly easier. In other description of seeds there is very little business passing and orders from Europe are coming in a very small scale.

The following are closing quotations.

	Ready	April-May
Linseed Bold	Rs 9-10	Rs 8-7
Rapeseed Brown Dawapore	Rs 6-8	6-8
Do " Delhi	" 6-13	6-11
Do Yellow Cawnpore		6-15 to 7-0
Do Yellow Gunoras		7-9 to 7-10
Poppyseed	" 8-11	" 8 4
Castorseed	30-8 to 31 to 31-4	
Cottonseed	14-4 to 14-8	
Gingellyseed 15 per cent mixed	43-8 to 44-8	
Do 25 per cent mixed	42-12 to 43-12	
Do 35 per cent mixed	41-12 to 42-12	
Do 50 per cent mixed	41-0 to 42-0	
Do Red	41-0	
Do Black	39-0 to 41-8	

COTTON.

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EUROPE.

MARRIAGE.

ALEXANDER—CLARK—January 2, at Naples, Italy, Rev Justin Reynolds Abbott, D.D. of Bombay, to Miss Camilla Louise Clark, of Brooklyn, N.Y.U.S.A.

BOMBAY.

DEATHS.

RIBEIRO—January 3, at 7-20 p.m., at Church Gate Street, opposite Singer Manufacturing Co, H Ribeiro, of the Bombay Stamp Mart. Deeply regretted. Funeral will leave at 5-30 o'clock this (Saturday) morning. Friends and relatives will please accept this the only intimation.

UNDERWOOD—December 30, at 79, Medows Street, Bombay, Mary Amelia, the beloved wife of Surgeon-Captain J H Underwood (Retired list) I S M D, and mother of Drs. C H Frederick and Edward F Underwood, aged 65 years, 9 months and 24 days. (English and Australian papers please copy).

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

BEACH—December 25, at the Military Hospital, Wellington the wife of E R Beach, R A M C, of a daughter.

SMITH—December 31, at Madras, the wife of J G Smith, Barrister, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

MISQUITA—WRIGHT—December 27, at Christian Herald Upper Hall, Baptists, by the Rev Geo N Thomson Clifford Scott, Haynes Misquita, Salt Dept, son of the late Mr T Misquita, Overseer, Mandvi, Salem, to Winifred Irene Wright, eldest daughter of Mr John William Wright, Medical Dept, Chintoo.

YARDLEY—SPENCER—December 31, at the Church of St Thomas, Middleton Road, Calcutta, by the Rev V Hawkins, Vicar thereof, William, second son of the late Hugh Yardley, J P, of Northumberland Road, Dublin, to Mary Lily, only daughter of the late Robert Spencer, M D, Staff-surgeon, R N, H, Upper Pembroke Street, Dublin, Ireland.

DEATH.

MICKETTS—December 31, at the West End Hotel, Bangalore, George William Lancelot Micketts, late Sergeant Surveyor.

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REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUTOLONEL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 4th January.

1. Lieut-Colonel Louis P Russell, having returned from leave, assumes the Command of the Corps from this date.

By Order,
G. STODDART, Captain R. A., Adjutant, B. V. A.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR J. POLLEN, COMMANDING B. V. R.

Bombay, 4th January.

1. The Battalion will parade to-day (Saturday), the 4th instant, at the Gymkhana end of the Parade Ground, at 5-45 p.m.

Dress—Drill Order. Buttics, Helmet, Buttons and Leather Chin straps will be worn.

2. The Rifle Range at Cooke will be closed on Sunday next, the 5th instant for repairs.

3. There will be a meeting of the Regimental Committee at Head-quarters at 6 p.m. on Tuesday the 14th instant.

4. The Range will be reserved for class firing for all members of the Corps on Saturday afternoon, the 11th inst. from 2-30 p.m. The Commandant hopes that all members who have not yet commenced their Class Firing will take advantage of this opportunity of doing so.

5. No Parade will be held on Commanding Officer's Parade on Saturday, the 11th instant.

By Order,
P. H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

NOTICE.

It is notified for information that the Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Cooke from the 6th to the 11th instant, both days inclusive. Programmes of the Meeting can be obtained at Head-quarters. Entries should be made as early as possible to the Sergt-Major at Head-quarters.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Terrier, 1,037 tons, Captain G M Kempland, sailed yesterday for Koyalpatam, in ballast.

THE P and O S N Co's steamer Naskin, 2,357 tons, Captain C J Benton, sailed yesterday, for China, &c, with a general cargo.

THE Asiatic S N Co's steamer Nurani, 2,870 tons, Captain J E Sandilands, sailed yesterday, for Calcutta via Coast Ports with a general cargo.

THE Japan Mail Steam-ship Co's steamer Hizumi Maru, 3,729 tons, Captain M Curnow, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Hongkong, with a general cargo. The vessel is consigned to Messrs. N Y Kaisha.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Rivaz, 935 tons, Captain J T Hirst, arrived in harbour yesterday, from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, 55 cases opium, and the following passengers:—Honble Sir Charles Ollivant, Lady Ollivant and miss, Mr Tomkins, Mr Motichoy, Mr Leonaskicon, one Arab and 69 deck.

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—JAN. 3.

MEN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

H M S Asmyo ..... Lambert ..... Torpedo G'boat
a Torpedo Boat No 190.....d Gond J C S
Hughes, H N .....
a Do No 103..Lt Cmdr W R G Petre, R N .....
a Do No 103..Lt Cmdr W P Kos. R N .....
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VESSELS IN THE STREAM.

Vessel.	Tons.	Date.	Destination	Agent.
H M S Iphigenia		de Horsey		Royal Navy
H M S Pigmy				Torpedo G'boat
H M S Mandate			Hewett, R N	Turret Ship
Tenasserim				Receiving Mush
Sir Jamsetjee	1092			H S & Co
Sir Lancelot	1008	Kandy		H S & Co
Barrosa	934	Sandilands		F Morrison & Co
Ava	1151	Shaw		P M & Co
Ava	1151	Shaw		P M & Co
Ava	1151	Shaw		P M & Co
Ava	917	Bridger	P Gulf	B N S Co
Assaye (in dock)	1433	M Thom		Owen & Co'ad
Agamemnon	1433	Dexter		H D Josha
Kola	497	Tice	Karachi	M M & Co
Karoola	1143	Shepherd	Okha ds	M M & Co
Killara	993	Hirst		M M & Co
Carthage	2093	London		P & O S N Co
Flor de Mar (coal)	131	Nacoda		

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—JANUARY 3.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agents.
A	Glen Mackenzie	1317	Fraser	Liverpool	1-1	F M & Co
D	Mike Maru	2081	Yogi	Japan	4-1	N Y Kaisha
G	Glen Sinclair	1573	Pagen	Antwerp	6-1	F M & Co
F	St. Bede	3104	Jefferson	Marseilles	4-1	P & O Co
G	Ceres	901	Rattle	Mauritius		M H Cassim
K	Goldenfels	2499	Schmads	Antwerp	4-1	Wm & Co
K	Schmidt	1603	Schmidt	Antwerp	4-1	A Screaton
Q	Gadsby	2572	Stubbs	Hull		J M & Co
F	Artesian	1321	Bradford	Havre	2-1	W & A & Co
Q	Scourier	1024	Brown	Mauritius	4-1	H S Scott &

HARBOUR WALL.

Penang	561	Manomed	Bhownagar	4-1	Shepherd & Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Tons.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agents.
4	Nankin	2557	Benton	China	1	P & O Co
6	Nerita	3145	Stone	Marseilles	2-1	W & G & Co
9	Leopoldine	2125	Arancavio	Trieste	4-1	A L S N Co
10	Egypt	1178	Anyone	London	1-1	P & O Co
11	Peninsular	3262	Lugh	Kurrachee		P & O Co
15	Al Arbaa	1439	Dixon	Mauritius	1-1	H G Joosub
16	Mount Oswald	2074	Hughes	Hamburg	4-1	Cory Bros

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ARRIVALS.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
3	Kilwa s	Hirst	Suez via Aden, Dec 22
	Izumi Maru s....	Curnow	Hongkong

DEPARTURES.

Jan.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
3	Terrier s	Kempland ..	Koyalpatam
	Nurani s	Sandilands ..	Calcutta via Coast Ports
	Naskin s	Benton	China

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—
Steamer Rajah, for Rangoon, &c.
" Rivaz, for Persian Gulf.

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

Vessels.	Arrived from
Florican	Calcutta.
O B I	Calcutta.
Palanoza	Bremen.
Vorsigen	Calcutta
Clan Graham	Cuddalore
Clan Macpherson	Vizagapatam
Clan Colquhoun	Glasgow
Norbuddo	Rangoon

DAILY EXPORTS JANUARY 3.

FOR LONDON.

Egypte—36 cwt coffee, Finlay Muir and Co; 12 bales hide, Pestonjee Boyce; 15 cwt mass or dhall, Jaser and Kasam; 7 cwt cocoanuts, Muncjee Poonjiee and Sons; 93 bales hides and skins, Rallı Brothers and Co; 31 cwt mother-of-pearl shells, A I Mowjee and Co, &c.

FOR HULL.

Morocco s—4,602 cwt myrabolams, H K Moos; 8,001 bags cotton seed, Anglo Mechanical Co; 2,000 cwt cotton seed, The Central India Spinning and Manufacturing Co Ltd.

FOR ANTWERP.

Ava Sinclairs—2,300 cwt rapeseed, Rallı Brothers; 800 cwt ginger and 100 bales hemp, Kiddle Reeve and Co; 2,001 cwt gingelly seed, Mowjee Valabdas.

FOR HAVRE.

Arviatan s—47 bundles skins, Kahn and Kahn; 2 pots rose oil, Volcart Brothers.

FOR HAMBURG.

Mount Oswald s—125 cwt myrabolams, Rallı Brothers; 155 cwt myrabolams, Canjee Purvat and Co; 50 bales cotton, A Blaschek and Co; 25 cwt linseed, M Lallee.

Goldenfels s—2,000 bales cotton, Rallı Brothers; 110 bales cotton, Glade and Co; 2,000 cwt boosnee, Croft Mody and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

St Bede s—501 cwt myrabolams, H K Moos; 1,980 cwt gingelly seed, John Cashin.

FOR BREMEN.

Goldenfels s—110 bales cotton, Rallı Brothers.

FOR GENOA.

Nerita s—2,010 cwt linseed, Volcart Brothers; 101 cwt gingelly seed, Killick Nixon and Co; 100 cwt s cott, Glentilloch Coupal and Co; 201 cwt groundnuts, Killick Nixon and Co.

FOR KOBE.

Mikie Maru s—2 bales cotton, Finlay Muir and Co.

Quito s—226 bales cotton, Hirabhai D Curmore and Co; 100 bales cotton, Cohn and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Nankin s—2 pots rose oil, M H Moosa.

DIVINE SERVICE.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER XMAS JANUARY 5.

SAINT THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
9-30 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral. Tourin C. Gloria—5, 2-3, 176 and 222.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Magnificat—70, 76 and 81.
Nunc Dimittis—Nos. 22 and 23 Chants.
Daily Matins at 9-45 a.m. and Evensong at 5-15 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 7-15 a.m.

BOWEN MEMORIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
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9-45 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m. and 6 p.m.—Divine Service. Sermon by the Pastor.
Also Prayer Meeting on Wednesday at 6 p.m.
All seats free, and strangers cordially welcomed.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.
(Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Mirs Quasi.—(Merbooke.)
Hymns—320, 175 and 222.
11 a.m.—Parish Service—Choral, Matins and Sermon.
Hymns—316, 331 and 74.
6 p.m.—Choral, Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—175, 8 and 74.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, ESPLANADE.
(Near School of Art.)

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—76, 463 and 464.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—73, 79 and 76.
Offertories for Poor and Church Expenses.
Monday—The Epiphany.
7-30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

11 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon by Rev Canon Rowntree.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, and Sermon by Rev. H. Morelle.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral). Preacher, Rev. Father Tovey.
10 a.m.—Matins.
6 p.m (Eve of the Epiphany)—Solemn Evensong and Choral. Preacher, Rev. C F W Hatchell.
Alms for Church Expenses.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
(Church of Scotland.)

11 a.m.—Morning Service.
Psalms—40 and 116.
Hymns—15, 1st tune, 349.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.
Psalms—91 tune 97.
Hymns—16 1st tune, 150 and 310.
Anthem 3—O Lord my God.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.
(Madras Time.)

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
8-30 a.m.—Matins.
Hymns—175 and 70.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—220, 78 and 79.

CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, BANDORA.

11 a.m.—Matins, Sermon and Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.

WESLEYAN CHURCH.
(Colaba Causeway.)

8 a.m.—Parade Service, Preacher, Rev. F. R. Atkins.
6 p.m.—Parade Service, Preacher, Rev. W. Seed.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
5-30 p.m.—Social Hour.
(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.)
3-30 p.m.—Preaching Rev. W. Seed.
4 p.m.—Preacher Rev. F. R. Atkins.
4-45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.

11-30 a.m.—Matins.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Daily Services.

7-30 a.m.—Matins (with Litany, Wednesday and Friday.)
9-15 a.m.—Evensong.
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8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
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SEPOY GENERALS.

"SEPOY GENERALS: Wellington to Roberts," is the title of a series of biographical studies which are the outcome of Mr. G. W. Forrest's examination of the archives at Bombay, Madras and Calcutta, while Director of Records under the Government of India. The Duke of Wellington stands at the head of the men who served their country in India, commanding the Sepoy army whom every one of them was proud to lead. Sir Charles Napier is another General illustrating all that is best in the soldier who knows how to command, and yet to see that the welfare of his men is not neglected. He ranks high in the series to which Lord Napier of Magdala, Sir Donald Stewart, Earl Roberts and Sir William Lockhart have added distinction. The genial Herbert Edwardes is another of the dead-and-gone heroes, whose brilliant work in Northern India entitles him to a place in this volume. Sir Thomas Munro worked like Wellington in Southern India where for years he fought and then administered and in both lines was an absolute success. General John Jacob who did so much for Sind that he won the fierce Biluchis to look on him as their father whose spirit still watches over them, is not the least of this band of fighting men. The soldierly qualities which made them famous, were not their only title to eminence. They had, outside their sense of military duty, a quick appreciation of the necessities of the people among whom they moved and fought. Even Lord Wellesley when engaged in hostile operations against Holkar, wrote a despatch on the famine which was then raging at Ahmednagar (1804). Fifty people were dying daily for want of food. The great Captain condemned donations of food and money as "a very defective mode" of combating famine, one liable to abuses everywhere, but especially in India. The sufferers should be divided into two classes, those who can, and those who cannot work. The former should be—as the administration now tries to do—gathered on useful permanent works, and paid, the non-workers should be collected in hospitals and treated and fed in suitable ways. His advice to Purnea, the Dewan of Mysore, whose ability and thoroughness he fully appreciated, and to whom he sent his picture on leaving India, is well worthy of record:—"Let the prosperity of the country be your great object, protect the ryots and traders, and allow no man, whether vested with authority or otherwise, to oppress them with impunity, do justice to every man." The Duke spent eight years in India and he deserved himself as being involved in perpetual troubles during seven of them. Successful as he had been in his battles, and much good as he had done as an administrator in Mysore, he yet gladly returned to Europe in 1805 to enter on a still more glorious campaign in the Peninsular War and though its details differed widely and the foe was of other metal, yet his experience in the Mahratta war undoubtedly contributed to the coolness which won him victories in Europe. As an administrator it is equally certain that his wisdom, sympathy and justice helped to confirm the stability of the Government of India.

The vigorous personality of Sir Charles Napier lends itself easily to the picturesque pages of history. At the age of twelve he obtained a commission in the Duke of Wellington's regiment, but was nevertheless sent to school later when he had learned some of the duties of a soldier. Next he was appointed aide-de-camp and then joined the 95th, a Rifle Corps. There he worked hard at his profession. He was never a man of half measures. When only 19 he wrote of leaving the mess at five o'clock, reading till ten, avoiding the billiard table because of "a grievous fondness for it." The peace of Amiens was by no means pleasing to this budding general, though he thought it "as charming for England as ruinous for her soldiers. My plan is to wait for a few months and see what Powers continue at war; then exchange with George to half-pay and get into some foreign service. . . . As to remaining an English full-pay lieutenant for ten or twelve years! Not for the universe! Rather let me command Esquimaux than be a subaltern of Rifles." He never did lead the deadly dull inactive life he dreaded. He served in many capacities and in 1805 was under Sir John Moore, and his own natural high gifts were further developed and perfected in that great man's school. At Corunna he was for the first time in action, his description of the battle is one of those passages which will never be effaced from the history of our wars. How Napier himself survived his numerous wounds, it is hard to say, but he did and was taken prisoner. He was mourned as dead by his family, and when it was ascertained that he was in the enemy's hands, inquiries were set on foot to learn how and where he was. Ney mercifully let him go, on hearing his mother was old, blind and a widow. "Let him go," said Ney, "and tell her himself he is alive." So he rejoined the 50th and went on fighting, receiving six wounds in the campaign. His two brothers were as lucky, or unlucky, as he. Before his wound was well, he insisted on rejoining the army in the pursuit of Massena. Fighting was going on in front, and he was hastening—having ridden ninety miles with a broken jaw bandaged—to join in the battle. He met a litter of branches—who is that? "Captain Napier of the 52nd, a broken limb." Another litter soon followed with "Captain Napier of the 43rd mortally wounded," and still Charles pushed on. When later he got command of the 102nd he was practically adjutant as well as Colonel and saw to every detail. He was determined to enforce discipline among his men, however difficult the task. There were many hot-headed Irishmen in the ranks. Napier considered it horrible to flog for breaches of order following on too much rum-drinking "their blood should be kept for better than being drawn with a cat-o-nine-tails." I allow them to box, it is the best issue for the rum, and such a parade of black eyes was never before beheld." Needless to say he succeeded in his efforts at reform, and was presented with a sword of honor by the men on leaving the regiment. He was sent to America during the war of Independence and did not like the job. "It is quite shocking," he wrote "to have men who speak our own language brought in wounded; one feels as if they were peasants, and that we are killing our own people." So, naturally, he was glad when he could go to some other theatre of war. He always found time for writing on the subject of his life's work and on every branch of the service. He regretted the want of practice which made the British Cavalry inferior to that of other countries, which could boast of more experienced officers. "With equal practice" he says "our Cavalry would send all the French and German Cavalry to the devil." He had an opportunity later to assist John Jacob with the formation of the Sind horsemen and we know the reputation they justly acquired.

Napier enjoyed a most wonderful variety of service in different countries and his observations went to the heart of things. Of Ireland he wrote:—"I am of no party, but when people are starving in the midst of abundance, my blood first runs cold with horror and then boils with indignation." When military resident in Cephalonia, he reduced order out of chaos, attending to the moral as well as the material comfort of the people. He appointed a bishop to bless them, "an excellent, pious man, who formerly lived by sheep stealing, which he now calls his pastoral life." Napier came to India in 1841 in command of the Poona division, and though then sixty, age had not in any way weakened his infinite energy. He set to work to learn Indian history, the wars, and the ways of the people. He did not shrink from practically drilling the troops, and of course had plenty of critics. But he pursued his plan of sending out the men all together over the hills, instead of formally drilling them, infantry and cavalry separately, over the same dull level parade ground. He declared the sepoys were capital soldiers. When in Sind decided to go on as far as possible on the old lines. His theory was to "make no avoidable change in the ancient laws and customs, the conquest of a country is sufficient convulsion for the people without abrupt innovations in their habits and social life." Suttee was the one custom he would suppress, but in his own way. He listened to the priests who said it was so sacred it should not be abolished and Napier acquiesced, explaining that his nation had also a time-honored custom, that of hanging men who burned women alive, and that while the funeral pyre was building, his carpenters would erect gibbets to hang all concerned in the suttee. "Let us all act according to our national customs." Karachi had in his view a great future before it. "Suez, Bombay and Karachi will hit Calcutta hard before twenty years pass. Bombay will beat Karachi and be the Liverpool, if not the London of India." Was he right? He took of course a military view of the rule that should be maintained in India, but sympathy was not excluded:—"It is not by moderation, but by victory that we must hold India, and we must live with the people, give them justice, give them riches, give them honours, give them a share of all things until we blend with them and become one nation." Have we not done all these things, and are we any near to the united nation? As Commander-in-Chief in India in 1849, Sir Charles Napier was distinguished by the same relentless determination to do his duty and bring those under him as near to perfection as he could. The very day he landed in Calcutta he reviewed the 96th Regiment. He was on the parade ground before any other officer and walked into the barracks, returning to minutely inspect the regiment. He gave plenty of wise advice both then and afterwards to officers and men. He was of opinion that court-martials on officers were—as compared with those on privates—conducted with "maudlin mercy" and he did not hesitate to reject the findings of many of the courts and to give his reasons frankly. Of fifty officers of the Indian and Her Majesty's army court-martialled in the year and a half of his Chiefship, only three were acquitted. On the other hand when he saw that an officer was unjustly sentenced he was quite as ready to quash the finding. He was vigorously against extravagance in messes, and urged that the expenses should be regulated by the incomes of the poorest. The barracks then considered good enough for soldiers horrified him. "The principle," said Napier "of the Military Board is that of the Black Hole at Calcutta. . . . Such barracks are expensive, no doubt; so are sick soldiers, so are dead soldiers." His inspection of barracks and commissariat at Delhi made him furious, specially the latter, and he declared he would like to hang every contractor in India. There are many even nowadays who would join in that pious wish. All this is ancient history, as is the account of the wise warnings of Sir Charles Napier before the Mutiny, but they are worth recalling. We have been drawn on to give more space to the resume of Napier's career than to others in Mr. Forrest's volume. The short records of the other historic generals are as full of anecdote and instances illustrating their character and the period to the glory of which they so largely contributed.

LORD SELBORNE AND THE CRITICS.

The First Lord of the Admiralty good humoredly lectured the critics the other night when he was the guest of the London District of the Institute of Journalists. The free criticism of naval matters by the Press engaged his lordship's attention, and while he by no means discouraged criticism of the Navy he told a story which has an excellent moral for the uninstructed writer. As he observed, it is not always safe to assume that a Cabinet minister is less intellectual or less patriotic than the average British subject, though critics who circulate unfounded stories regarding the action of the Admiralty would imply that the rulers of the King's Navy are qualified only for Colney Hatch. It is bad enough for a Minister to be unjustifiably accused at home of sending out battleships unfitted for action, but he must be a cheerful person to put up with foolish foreign abuse based upon inaccurate accounts of his speeches. Lord Selborne appears to come in for a good deal of this unfortunate sort of criticism and has probably more need of a pachydermatous hide than has Mr. Chamberlain. The Colonial Secretary, some people think, has given cause for the peculiar enmity with which he is regarded on the Continent, but the First Lord of the Admiralty appears to be merely the victim of the critics, stupidity. And against stupidity even the gods fight in vain. Earl Selborne in a recent address to British naval officers urged them to study the problems connected with tactics and strategy, instead of which a French translator of his remarks made him adjure the officers not to study tactics and strategy, whereupon a prominent French critic came down heavily upon the unfortunate First Lord. His lordship also ventured to recount the story of the farmer who said he divided all men into two classes, rabbits and ferrets; and observed that if they put a rabbit into a bag and tied him up, he would be there the next morning, but if they put an unmuzzled ferret into a bag and tied him up he would not remain there. When he asked the men which they would wish to be, they naturally replied "ferrets" and upon this he said: "Very well, never get into a hole, but if you do, get out of it." The French translation of his remarks made him say that all mankind were divided into rabbits and ferrets. "If you put a rabbit into a rabbit hole he stayed there; if you put a ferret into a hole he did not." In trying to find an explanation for remarks thus presented without point, a French naval critic declared that the head of the British Admiralty intended to compare the French to rabbits and the English to ferrets and had the insolence to say that the French ports are mere rabbit-holes and all you have to do is to put an English ferret in and turn the French sailors out. There was a good deal of laughter from the audience to which Lord Selborne narrated this story, but although it was told at the expense of foreign critics it might with advantage be laid to heart by some of those who heard it. On one point the moral could be applied at once, for proceeding to refer to the demands for the appointment of business men to the Admiralty, he indicated how impossible it was for any department subject to the House of Commons to be conducted on purely business principles. When a Government may be upset in the most unexpected manner the conditions conducive to business methods cannot exist.

THE MARRIAGE OF CHILD WIDOWS.

The stirring address delivered by Mr. Justice Chandavarker at the Social Conference, on the subject of the marriage of child widows, should help a great deal to remove the prejudice which still exists in the minds of many Hindus against that reform. There is much more hope for the Hindu community in the movement for social reform than in the pursuit of political nostrums. The matters that affect the every-day life of a people, that touch individuals in their close domestic associations are of more importance than a good many of the things on which the National Congress like its attention. Yet the proceedings at the Calcutta gatherings showed that while the representatives of the native communities can be unanimous in political clamour many of them—and those not the least intelligent—are not prepared for changes in social usage which the circumstances of existence are now insisting upon. The opponents of social reform seem to desire political privileges of an advanced order, while retaining many of the customs of a backward time. As well might the nations of the West have looked to obtain the political enfranchisement

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INCREASE TO THE NAVY.

MORE BATTLE SHIPS AND CRUISERS.

The Admiralty is placing orders with the Clyde ship-builders for two battle-ships of the most powerful armament in the world, five first class armoured cruisers and two protected cruisers.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

In the test match at Melbourne, the wicket was good to-day.

The Australians made 300 for 9 wickets.

Hill made a faultless score of 99.

The Australians scored 353 in their second innings.

RUMOURED VISIT OF THE PRINCE OF WALES TO INDIA.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" says that rumours are current in service circles at Portsmouth, that the Prince of Wales proceeds to India about November to attend the Proclamation of the Emperor and afterwards to visit the various Native Courts.

SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTIVES.

ANONYMOUS DONOR'S MUNIFICENT GIFT.

The King is donating £30,000 which has been anonymously placed at his disposal for philanthropic purposes to the establishment of a tuberculosis sanatorium, mainly for persons of limited means, and has appointed an advisory committee of eight eminent physicians.

PRESIDENT OF CUBA.

M. Estrada Palma has been quietly elected the first President of Cuba.

RUSSIA AND CHINA.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

The "Times" Paris correspondent publishes secret documents communicated by Doctor Ular recently returned from Manchuria, which are alleged to prove that a bargain was negotiated between Li Hung Chang and Russia through Ukhtomsky, whereby the Boxer movement which it is hinted Russia fomented, was to be turned against the foreigners, Russia engaging to protect the Dowager Empress against the Powers in return for the occupation of Manchuria and a free hand in Mongolia.

THE ANONYMOUS GIFT TO THE KING.

The "Daily Mail" understands that the donor of the anonymous gift of £300,000 to the King is Sir Ernest Cassel.

THE VICTORIA MEMORIAL.

The public subscriptions to the Victoria Memorial only realised £385,400. It is understood that the King will be compelled to ask Parliament for a grant.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' VISIT TO INDIA.

NO CONFIRMATION IN CALCUTTA.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, JAN. 3.

No confirmation of any kind has reached Calcutta the rumour to which currency is given by Reuter a visit next cold was her from the Prince of

THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF'S TOUR.

The Commander-in-Chief arrives at Secunderabad publicly at 6-20 on the 14th January; attends the manœuvres and leaves privately at 20-0 on the 20th; arrives in Poona publicly at 7-15 on the 4th February and leaves privately at 23-0 on the 5th; arrives in Bombay publicly at 5-0 on the 7th and leaves privately at 14-30 on 10th; arrives at Bhopal publicly at 9 on the 11th and leaves publicly at 14-0 the same day; arrives in Agra publicly at 22-0 on the 11th and leaves privately at 23-0

On his tour in Madras and Bombay, the Commander-in-Chief will be accompanied by General Smith Dorrien, General Henry, Lieutenant Colonel de Crespigny Hamilton and an A. D. C. The party leave Howrah on the 12th January and will be at Bezwada on the 13th; Secunderabad from the 14th to 19th, Bellary on the 20th, Madras from the 21st to 22nd, Ootacamund from the 3rd to 27th, Bangalore from the 28th to 2nd February, Poona from the 4th to 7th, Bombay from the 8th to 10th, Bhopal on the 11th, Agra from the 13th to 14th, Delhi from the 15th to 17th, Aligarh on the 18th, Lucknow from the 19th to 22nd and Howrah on the 23rd.

"GAZETTE OF INDIA" NOTIFICATIONS.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT.

Staff Corps:—Major E. F. Paul to be Lieutenant-Colonel, Captains Cole, Shaw and Cooper to be Majors, and Lieutenants Lloyd, Radcliffe, Mascoph and Ireland to be Captains.

Colonel Benjamin Franklin I. M. S. to be Surgeon General vice Harvey deceased.

MARINE DEPARTMENT.

Commander N. Mitchell is appointed Port Officer, Aden, vice Brownlow, on leave.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

Mr. C Hubbard, Examiner of Accounts, is transferred from Madras to Bombay.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

Constantinople has reduced the quarantin to five days on pilgrim ships from the Persian Gulf not calling at Karachi and Muscat, and from Suez also to four days for all vessels from Egypt.

Surgeon General Franklin's appointment to succeed General Harvey and Mr. Hyde's appointment to succeed Mr. Broughton, both take effect from the 1st instant.

Mr. E. Priestley reverts from Hyderabad to Bombay Police.

Veterinary, Major Hagger has three month's leave Veterinary Lieut. W. Dawson officiating for him in Rajputana.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT.

Captain J. Bourke I. M. S. is posted to special duty in Bombay min'.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT

Lieut-Col Jennings, Resident of Indore has been granted one year's furlough.

DEATH OF MR. BROUGHTON.

CALCUTTA, JAN. 3.

Mr. J. P. D. Broughton, who handed over the office of Administrator General, which he has held for a great number of years, only last Wednesday to his successor, succumbed this afternoon to an attack of pneumonia. The funeral will take place to-morrow.

MILITARY ACCOUNTS.

Proposals of Colonel Anderson's Committee for simplification of Military Accounts are likely to be adopted from 1st April next.

SIR M. BHOWNAGREE.

CALCUTTA, JAN. 3.

Sir Muncherji Bhownagree arrives in Calcutta to-morrow and stays at Government House.

ARMY MEDICAL CORPS POSTINGS.

Lieut-Colonel C. H. Swayne, to officiate as P. M. O. Meerut, vice Barnett officiating P. M. O., Bengal Command. Lieut-Colonel Mapleton to act for Lieut-Col. Swayne at Poona.

Lieut-Colonel G. E. Bourke to officiate as P. M. O., Mhow, vice Blood transferred to Home Establishment.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

As a measure of decentralisation it has been decided that the appointments of officiating General Officers Commanding First Class Districts, officiating Colonels on Staff, Royal Artillery, officiating Deputy Adjutants General of Commands, and also of unqualified officers in Staff, when no qualified officers are available, shall be disposed of under the orders of the Commander-in-Chief. In the case of the two first named, the appointments are to be submitted direct for the information of the Viceroy.

It has been further decided that recommendations from Commands for promotion and for commissions of native officers shall be made direct to Army Headquarters.

It has also been arranged for the allotment of unattached list officers to commands to be published in the G. O. C. C. in future, instead of in the G. G. O.

The War Office anticipates that twelve hundred men will be available to proceed to India early in February as reliefs and it has been decided to employ the Hardinge to convey them.

An additional officer will be admitted at the next Indian Medical Service examination.

2nd Lieutenant W. E. Fleming is posted to the 1st Battalion Shropshire Light Infantry at Poona.

Colonel Copper, Assistant Adjutant General, Deesa goes home on special duty for three months on the 8th instant.

Captain Sandys from Mhow to be Adjutant R. H. A. Meerut, vice Fizmaurice promoted, Captain Parry, 40th Battery to be Adjutant, R. H. A., Kirkee.

Colonel Graves, now A. A. G., Lahore District, is appointed to officiate as Colonel on the Staff, Secunderabad, temporarily.

The Secretary of State for India has approved of the 17th and 35th Madras Infantry being designated the 1st and 2nd Moplah Rifles.

Colonel Rose is selected for permanent appointment as Colonel on the Staff, vice Hailer, vacating on the 17th January, but continues as temporary Brigadier-General of the Malakand Force.

Punitive columns left Jandola, Jam Khel and Datta Khel on New Year's morning, under the Command of General Dening, Colonel McRae, and Colonel Townshy respectively, for further operations against the Mahsuds.

Major G. N. Caulfield is appointed Commandant, and Captain J. Heneage, D. S. O., Officiating 2nd in Command, 10th Gurkha Rifles, in place of Lieutenant-Colonel E. B. J. Prescrave, D. S. O., who is appointed Assistant Adjutant General, Bangalore District.

It is not expected that regiments like the Gordon and Devons, now under orders to move on relief to India, will arrive in the country until February. Troop arrangements have been made to ensure these movements after the battalions sent from India have taken their place in Lord Kitchener's force.

The cold weather manœuvres will be held on Ahmednagar road about nine miles from Poona, commencing from the 10th instant will last for six weeks. The following troops will take part: Five companies of the Royal Scots and Shropshire Light Infantry, four companies of the 16th and two companies of the 17th, together with the 1st Bombay Lancers and Batteries of Artillery.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

NAPLES, JAN. 2.

The B. I. S. N. Co's s. s. Golconda, left here for Calcutta 9 ors yesterday evening.

The P. & O. Company, s.s. "Pekin" (Extra) from Bombay arrived at Singapore on the 2nd instant.

The P. & O. Company s.s. "Tientsin" (Extra) left Moji for Singapore on the 26th ultimo.

The German Lloyd Chemnitz s.s. Otto from Trieste left Karachi on the afternoon of the 2nd inst. and is expected here on the night of the 1st inst.

The Messageries Maritimes Co. s.s. Ernest Simons which left Bombay on Thursday the 19th ultimo arrived at Marseilles on Thursday the 2nd instant at 1 p.m.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, JAN. 3.

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The Bank of England returns for the week ending Wednesday show the following results:—Total Bullion, £32,058,993; Increase £600,000; Public Deposits, £5,400,000; Decrease £300,000. Other Deposits £30,400,000; Increase, £12,800,000; Other Securities, £41,100,000; Increase, £12,000,000; Notes and Gold £29,100,990; Increase £9,00,000. The Bank's Reserve is 52 per cent of the Liabilities.

Seeds—Unchanged.

Freight—Coals Cardiff-Bombay 9.

Arrival—Worsley Hall.

THE DOUBLE MURDER IN BOMBAY.

The Police are prosecuting rigorous inquiries regarding the murder of the Hindoo woman and child at Gibbs Road, Byculla, but up to yesterday afternoon no clue of the culprit or culprits had been obtained nor had the bodies been identified. The bodies will be kept in ice for a few days in the morgue at Cammathipoora. Photographs of the two deceased have been taken and five thousand handbills have been printed in Marathi giving a description of the murdered persons for distribution in the city.

The surgeon to the Coroner, in the "post mortem" examination, found nine right and eight left ribs of the woman fractured. Some of the fractured fragments had penetrated the liver. As the quantity of blood found in and from the bodies was comparatively small, it is surmised that probably the murders were committed elsewhere, and the bodies brought to and left on the field in which they were subsequently seen lying.

MR. HENRY DALLAS' COMPANY.

"H. M. S. IRRESPONSIBLE."

ANOTHER successful performance was given at the Novelty Theatre last night by Mr. Henry Dallas and his Calcutta Company. The piece was Mr. Arthur Roberts' well-known success "H. M. S. Irresponsible." The performance last evening was a sufficient explanation of the success which has greeted the piece in England. It was bright, fantastic, and farcical. The music was good, and though the company were labouring under the gloom occasioned by the sad loss of one of their oldest and most talented members, they did themselves full justice and applause mingled with laughter was incessant throughout the evening.

Mr. Dallas in the part of the farcial Valet Jim Slingsby, was once more superb. His spluttering utterances sparkled with wit, not because of any particular merit in themselves, but because of the manner in which they were uttered. In his songs also Mr. Dallas was brimful, nay replete with humour, and he was vociferously applauded and enthusiastically encored every time he sang to himself (to Gilbert). He was ably seconded by Mr. D. Munro who, as the dry, cantankerous, and at the same time mirth-provoking Bob Crauffers was also immensely success. Some of his antics were the height of burlesque. The role of Ruffino Raffaelo the "up-to-date brigand," was sustained by Mr. Phil Carlton, and he also had a capital idea of his part, and carried out in a manner grandeloquently incongruous everything that he undertook. The other side of the coats was just as ably taken. Miss Isabel Vernon as Victoria Chalfers, was gracefully humorous, and Miss Marie Arnold as Olive Chepstowe was equally successful, her songs being rewarded by irresistible recalls. Every member of the caste, however, did well and it is quite unnecessary to enter into further details. The grand finale dances of Miss Fitzgerald, however, call for special mention. They were indeed the feature of the second and third acts. Miss Fitzgerald is indeed a skilful and accomplished dancer.

The scenery also was excellent, and the orchestral music carried out under the direction of Mr. Geo. Trinnell was everything that could be desired.

To-night the company will present "Florodora."

THE FATAL ACCIDENT TO AN ACTOR.

THE Coroner's inquest was not held regarding the death of Mr. J. B. Farrel, aged fifty-eight, who died on Thursday afternoon from the injuries received by his having accidentally fallen down from the second floor of the Apollo Hotel. As the death of the deceased was due to an accidental fall caused by his sleep walking, walked out in his sleep, the Commissioner of Police was of opinion that no inquest was necessary and ordered the body to be disposed of. The deceased was interred on Sewree cemetery yesterday afternoon.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

WINTER FASHIONS.

BALL GOWNS AND EVENING DRESS.

LONDON, DEC 13.

The most decided feature of this season's fashions is the wearing of white. Formerly white gowns and coats worn in the Winter would have quite startled people. Now in dress and millinery there is nearly always more than a touch of white, and frequently the whole costume is of that colour. Ermine, miniver, white broad tail, white thibet, astrachan, caracal, and fox are more worn than darker furs, or are added, as relieving touches, in the form of wide deep collars or revers. White in Winter can hardly be recommended on the score of economy, but it is Fashion's decree and, therefore, popular.

A white cloth costume is ornamented with applique work in black and white velvet panne, a material much used just now. The floral design is worked upward on the skirt from the hem towards the waist, and appears again on the white collared fur-edged revers and cuffs, the fur used being ermine. Such work is seen on many of the newest Winter models, a delicate grey-green faced cloth having a design in shaded olive green foliage. A simple and useful, as well as distinguished-looking morning gown of the coat and skirt form, is of creamy white corduroy, a material in considerable favour this Winter, with strappings of ivory white cloth which are pointed on the bodice of the dress, and fastened down over the white broad tail used for the fronts with silver buttons; the sleeves of the coat are strapped in the same way over fur cuffs, the wide collared revers being of plain fur with an edging of the material set on plain. A frill of old cream lace from the throat softens down the severity of the style. The skirt is plain save for its three bands of strapping, and is of reasonable length, only just touching the ground at the back. Another well-cut costume of the same tailor-made type is of enamels' hair frieze in a charming shade of brown. The skirt, cut rather long, fits to perfection; the shaped flounce, set on high at back and sloped to a point in front, is headed with a narrow edging of musk, of which the collar and cuffs are made; the pointed vest showing beneath the cut-away coat is of cream guipure of a creamy tone over rose-coloured satin. Harris tweeds and Scotch cheviots are in request for such neat costumes, but frieze still holds its place to warm thick materials.

The distinguishing note of ball gowns is fluffiness, a multitude of flounces of narrow width being generally used to gain this effect; these are set on sloping down towards the front. Small ruchings in tulle are used on many gowns; these run in undulating lines on the lower portion of the skirt. One of the prettiest models for a young girl's wear as her first ball is of fine white net over white tulle, with a white silk slip beneath; the net overskirt having the lower half of it run with tulle ruchings, set very close together. Fur will be greatly used this season for evening gowns, and on thin as well as thick materials the narrowest edging of mink appears round the berthe of a mousseline-de-soie of pale pink shade, and is repeated as a heading to the deep and shaded flounce, above a rouleau of pink velvet. A girlish-looking dancing dress is of soft white Japanese silk, with innumerable flounces, headed with narrow tucks, giving a very full effect round the bottom of the long skirt. The bodice is made very simply, just crossing folds of the silk with a full frill round the decolletage, the sleeves reaching to the elbows, and finished off with frills. Natural flowers, violets, or, if all white is preferred, tiny chrysanthemums, or lilies of the valley, which always look well, are set on the left shoulder, as sprays on the left side of the skirt, and in wreath form on the head, the hair being worn low in the now prevailing fashion. Panne voile, a new variation of the useful voile, makes a simple, pretty-looking dress for a girl. A good model in this fabric has a much befrilled skirt, the frills being edged and edged with narrow velvet; the corsage is full, with a berthe of chiffon or crepe de chine with long stole ends falling in front; the sleeves reach to the elbows, velvet-edged frills falling below them. In white with white velvet this makes a charming all-white costume; but looks well also in colour, or in white with black velvet, a rosette, loosely made, of velvet being set on the left side of the bodice. Lace robes, white or black, still occupy a prominent position in evening dress, and are really more useful than the very thin flimsy materials, these not bearing renovating, whereas lace, if care is taken of it, cleans again and again. Lunevil lace still holds a favourite place for dresses, and with reason, as it is remarkably effective. A ready robe, the design floral, is of cream-coloured lace made up over a white satin, the skirt is well cut with a deep trained flounce, and the bodice very gracefully draped, the lace falling on each side of the front, which is of finely ruched chiffon set on in narrow lines; the elbow sleeves are finished off with frills; the folds of lace round the decolletage form a berthe round the back and shoulders, caught in with diamond crescents, the side folds falling from them to the waist.

Trimmings for evening dress are really lovely this season; the newest adornments for satin gowns are sprays and wreaths of raised flowers made in chiffon silk, and satin in very delicate colourings; gold and silver twinings are used, and crystal spanglings, and, in order to soften off the sometimes hard outline of the satin, they are applique on to it with lace with excellent results. Black lace, with large floral designs, veined and outlined with black velvet, and mounted on white silk, satin, or chiffon, is another new idea. There is still a great disposition to sparkling effects, and gold and silver spotted tulles, gold net, these worn over white satin or silk, are well worn. This is merely a revival, such glittering fabrics being worn thirty or forty years ago for ball dresses. A fresh-looking trimming for a white dress consists of a plume of white ostrich feathers, pretty diamanté, set on the left shoulder, three strap of white satin ribbon crossing from under it to the waist, where they fasten with bow and long ends to which are attached bows of ribbon and small diamanté tips, the ends being different lengths the longest almost reaching the hem of the skirt. The ribbon shoulder straps are studded with paste and diamanté tips worn in the hair with a knot of ribbon. The new floral garnitures are charming Banksia roses, white, pink, or yellow, are specially useful. A black-spotted net ball-gown is arranged with the upper part of the bodice and shoulder straps of pink roses, with sprays of pansy satin ribbon of the same colour falling over the pouch front, caught in at the waist with a spray of the roses, and again falling from beneath, in long ends of net just full length, each end terminating in loops and flowers. Yellow roses and ribbon on a white or black dress look well, and white roses on a gown of grey green mousseline de soie are absolutely charming. Black velvet is still much used on evening dresses, somewhat wider than the bebe ribbon worn last year. Lines and cross lines of velvet on light materials mingled with chenille are effective, especially on white, pale pink, green, and grey, such delicate colours being very fashionable.

Long evening coats, chiefly what is known as Mancaria shape, are quite superseding capes. Fine faced cloths or corduroy are mostly used, trimmed with fur or feathers. An ivory-white corduroy, rather a broad rib, made quite loosely, so that it can be slipped on and off easily, with a large sable, mink, or ermine collar, lined long, tapering revers, is a delightful possession. A lovely material for this sort of garment, though unfortunately somewhat prohibitive in price, is the new mousseline velvet which, while having all the effect of the mousseline, has, at the same time, the richness of the velvet. It can be had either plain or with a faint overall pattern on it, looking well in either case. In sunlight it is especially useful, as it takes such soft-looking folds; for the huge hat toques now so much worn it is well suited. Surely never was headgear of more fantastic shape than at present. The immense flat-brimmed shapes are by no means generally becoming, and dwarf short women terribly only the tall slender type being able to look otherwise than crushed beneath their ever-increasing proportions. When not exaggerated in size and over trimmed, the toque is not objectionable, but there are limits.

The newest fronts of bodices and Eton jackets are cut of square form at the waist and rounded as they have been hitherto.

It is said that the morning blouse is now known as the "shirt," while the afternoon or evening blouse retains that non-gentilitarial, vanity name. High-class dressmakers, by the way, retain the French pronunciation of the word, but drapery establishments pronounce it English fashion. Whatever name is given it, the article itself is just as popular as ever. There never was a more convenient item of dress than it is. Those made of lace are now ornamented and also strengthened by strappings of silk or satin. Some of these take the outlines of a bolero. Others form a collar with vandyked edges, and a similar trimming of the same sort finishes the sleeves on wrists and shoulders. Gauneing, which is fast coming in for skirts, is very much seen to the new blouses, and makes a change from the endless tucking and pleating.

The tea-gown is so often worn at the dinner table at home that it is not surprising to see it adopt some of the characteristics of the dinner gown. Cut low in the neck, though never so low as the regular dinner or evening gown, and short in the sleeve, it has only its extra fulness and easy looseness of flow to distinguish it. Brocade is now often seen in tea-gowns. Satin is still the principal material, however, and the very smart woman prefers a fine black transparent fabric for her own wear. Economical reasons occasionally sway even the smart woman, inducing her at times to wear out her numerous skirts in company with a loose, pleated tea-jacket. These little trifles are not at all difficult to make at home. The pleating has to be done on a machine, but this costs only a few pence per yard. The yoke is usually made of lace, but sometimes consists of embroidered satin. The sleeves match the yoke and just come far enough to turn the elbows, ending in frills of the same material as the jacket. Black silk gauze is much used for these short tea-coats which reach about two inches below the waist. They are sometimes made of lace, but if so, it is of the lightest, most aerial make. Absolute sameness is one of the indispensable attributes of such textures.

Dresses for evening wear are now being busily prepared for the holiday season, and everyone who has tried it will realise the great usefulness of a black satin evening skirt, whether for elder or for girls who have been a few seasons out. Warm petticoats can be worn under it if a long country drive is in question, and can be removed when the amusement of the hour is dancing or games for the youngsters. Any sort of evening or dinner blouse can be worn with it, and it is far preferable to any light material for a gown of romps with the young-sters at an children's party. Many mothers procure white or pale-coloured satin or brocade for their small daughters' party dresses for some of the reasons given above. Such a frock is not much more expensive than one of cotton or spotted muslin, and it outwears three of these. The child outgrows it, it is true, but then that is equally true of the lighter frocks. A frock for a little girl of nine years is made of pink glace silk. The skirt is bordered with a band of creamy lace edged with pink button roses on either side. A berthe of the lace trims the shoulders, also headed with the tiny roses, and for the hair there is a wreath of the roses with a few small green leaves. The little girl who is to wear this dainty frock has dark eyes and hair. Soft Japanese and Chinese silks are much used for children's frocks, made very full and gathered.

Many and varied as the entertainments are at the Royal Aquarium last Thursday was the first time that the select divisions of the galleries have heard the peculiar "ping pong" of table tennis. The game has become established. Clubs such as the Cavendish give tone, and there are at the least two champions on the tapis. There is also a firm of makers of tables and materials. For the tournament, which began yesterday afternoon, and continues daily until Saturday night, there are 45 ladies entered, and nearly 200 gentlemen. The ladies play from three o'clock to five; the men from seven to ten. The game is on the American notation, with 20 up as between each pair of opponents, the winners playing out each other until the final result, issues on Saturday evening to win and lose the prizes offered by the Aquarium Company. There was quite a strong round the enclosures where the ladies were playing yesterday afternoon, especially around the most noised players, where "wrinkles" might be picked up by the amateur—if such a term may be safely applied to ladies' play. Certain it is that by the most accomplished players service and returns were particularly smart. Mr. J. G. Ritchie (Queen's Club), secretary, son of the manager of the aquarium, had a slightly embarrassing duty in bringing all the fair rivals into play in regular order. The regulation tables are of light wood, painted dark green, 9 feet by 5 feet, and are fixed on trestles.

CYCLING AT HOME.

LONDON, DEC. 13.

It has been decided to raise a memorial to the late Mr. J. K. Starley, in Coventry, and it is not unlikely that this will take the form of a museum for the city. It is satisfactory to know that something is going to be done in this way. Several schemes are afoot, but the decision noted above is at least definite. What the cycle trade and the cycling community owe to Mr. J. K. Starley is work-it is impossible to say, but the fact remains that he was the first man to make a practical rear driving safety, a machine which was responsible for the enormous increase in cycling all over the country, and it might even be said, all over the world. Before the practical rear driving safety was introduced, cycling was a pastime enjoyed by a few, but the advent of Mr. Starley's invention transformed it from a pastime into a pastime and cycling became world-wide, and has since then ever been on the increase.

It is noteworthy that although London tracks have decreased in numbers during the last year or two, the provinces have remained unaffected. Further more, several new provincial paths are in contemplation. Undoubtedly the provincial public is beginning to go the pace of London, a fact which is confirmed by the many successful and paying provincial meetings which continue to be held. There was a time when the Surrey B.C. meeting in London used to attract crowds of people, but this was in the days when the meeting was held in Kennington Oval. Now that the club holds its meetings on another track, the attendance has fallen off to a remarkable extent. The reason for this is two-fold. The first being that whatever is held at the Kennington Oval is bound to attract a large number of people who look almost solely to the Kennington Oval for their relaxation, and who do not go half so much to cycling meetings. The second reason is of course the diminution of public interest. Still, we hope that the big London meetings will not only continue to be held, but that they will steadily regain in popularity what they have lost in the past few years.

The methods employed by some policemen to obtain charges against cyclists whom they affect to arraign for the laws in shooting an unlighted part of the cycle press. The Worcestershire County Council has instructed the Chief Constable to report on the allegations made in a case wherein a cyclist was summoned for riding on the footpath. The constable is said to have ridden in the hedge in order to entrap passing cyclists. The Chief Constable's report, however, was not considered satisfactory, and a subcommittee was consequently appointed to go fully into the matter. The members of the committee were unanimous that although the Chief Constable endeavoured to ascertain the facts of the case, he failed to elicit the whole truth, and that the justices were not furnished with all the facts. One important point omitted in connection with the charge being that the road was up for its whole width.

The old-fashioned method of locating a puncture still remains the best. Puncture locators in numbers have been submitted to the cycling public, but the ordinary methods still hold their own. After all it is really no difficult matter to locate a puncture. Sometimes the piece of flint or thorn which causes the injury is found sticking in the cover, while in other cases on passing the hand round the inside of the cover it may be found there. If there is no trace of this kind the air can often be heard hissing through the hole. If the worst comes to the worst, then water—which never fails—must be used, but this method is not very often requisitioned.

A singular accident is reported from the country, which occurred during one of the high winds that have prevailed of late. A cyclist was riding along a fairly open road when a violent gust of wind caught him broadside on with such suddenness and force that his machine ran into the hedge at the side of the road, and the cyclist's face and hands were severely cut about by barbed wire. It is somewhat unique for the force of a gale being sufficient to overbalance a cyclist, although in the day of the high ordinary, strong side winds greatly interfered with riding.

One of the cycling papers has published an interesting table giving statistics of the recent cycle shows, from which we gather that the number of cycles of all types on exhibition at the "National" fell short of last year's return by 53 and of the preceding year by 998. The "Stanley" on the other hand shows an improvement on last year's figures 1,038 bicycles being shown against 904 last year. The number of tandem bicycles on exhibition at both the shows dropped to 29 as against 80 in 1900, 88 in 1899 and 153 in 1898. Naturally motor bicycles showed an enormous increase, no less than 107 being on exhibition against a modest 11 last year. Some few writers are of opinion that this class of machine will not gain much popularity, but we believe it will and that very undoubtedly.

It is some years since cyclists have been favoured with such exceptionally fine weather for riding. Right away through the summer months rain only interfered with the enjoyment of the pastime on very rare occasions, and yet thanks to the showers at night time, the roads did not break up to any deplorable state of dust and loose surface which is generally experienced in dry seasons. Autumn, too, and even the early days of winter, have not provided their expected wet, it not being until the commencement of this week that the rainy season really set in.

A cyclist of Newcastle, had left his machine unattended while he adjourned for refreshment to a public house in the course of which he found that his machine had disappeared. Fortunately he was not alone and his various companions at once went in search of the supposed thief along the different roads in the district, but succeeding that he was pursued threw down the bicycle and bolted across the fields. [illegible] seem to make excellent hands they [illegible] learn to master the art of riding.

NEWS LATER THAN THE MAIL.

THE CAPE CAMPAIGN.

THERON DRIVEN NORTHWARDS.

LONDON, December 15.—The Clanwilliam district of Cape Colony, 100 miles north of Cape Town, is reported to be clear of the Boers. Commandant Theron having again been driven northwards.

CONCENTRATION CAMPS.

London, December 15.—The mortality at the concentration camps during October and November combined was as follows:—Men 298, women, 761, children 4,904 total 5,963.

On September there were 109,418 people in the camps, of whom 2,411 died, the death rate being 264 per 1,000 per annum. Assuming the number in the camps at present at 120,000, it will be seen that the death rate has risen to almost 300.)

ATTACK ON A GRAIN DEPOT.

AN HEROIC GARRISON.

London, Dec. 16.—It was stated four days ago that the Boers had been three times repulsed at the grain depot at Tontelbosenkop, in the west of Cape Colony the enemy being commanded by Theron. It is now stated that the garrison only numbered 20. Besides repelling the attack they fought every night for a week to obtain water. The Boers lost four killed and 25 wounded. According to the enemy seven civilians in the village, including two women, were killed, and six wounded. The garrison lost three killed and 15 slightly wounded.

A MISSION BY ELOFF.

London, Dec. 16.—Mr. Eloff, son-in-law of Mr Kruger, has sailed from Amsterdam for Delagoa Bay to make inquiries in regard to the situation. If he finds that the position of the Boers is desperate he will urge them to seek terms with the British.

WOUNDED LEFT BEHIND.

17 BOERS CAPTURED.

London, Dec. 16.—The Boers left many wounded in the farm houses at Wilkraans, in the south-eastern Transvaal, when they were surprised by General Bruce Hamilton on the 13th instant. Seventeen additional captures have been made in the Orange River Colony.

PRESS SUGGESTIONS.

London, Dec. 17.—The "Times" and the "Standard" expansits the unfairly [illegible] many men and for the rapid extension of the "mounted" system, as the best solution for the men who are not sufficiently mounted.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION.

London, Dec. 16.—The British have begun to construct a railway from Mafeking, on the Delagoa line, southward to Kuruman. The line will be defended by blockhouses.

COLONIAL VOLUNTEERS.

NEW ZEALAND EULOGISED.

London, Dec. 16.—In connection with the new Canadian Contingent 350 officers have volunteered. The "Times" says that the offer of New Zealand to send 1,000 men is a wonderful instance of patriotism when the population of the colony is considered. The "Times, Standard and Daily Telegraph" applaud Mr. Seddon's grave and scathing rebuke of the anti-patriots. They state that the fact that he rebuke emanated from the most radical colonial Premier is significant.

ITALY AND FRANCE.

SATISFACTORY UNDERSTANDING.

London, December 15th.—Signor Prinetti, Minister for Foreign Affairs speaking in the Italian Chamber of Deputies referred to the satisfactory assurances of the integrity of Tripoli and the safety of the caravan routes to Central Africa.

Italy was thus enabled to exchange frank explanations with France respecting her Mediterranean interests.

STATEMENT BY THE "TEMPS."

London, December 16th.—The "Temps," an influential Paris newspaper, says that it is not for France to show zeal for Turkey's integrity, as Germany has of late been a semi-official protectress of the Sultan. The same paper asserts that France has refused to play Germany's game against England, and will not play against Italy. The Tripoli question concerns Italy and the Sultan's friends.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY CONDEMNED.

LONDON, December 15th.—The Naval Board of Inquiry, which was appointed in the United States to examine the charges against Admiral Schley, has, while exonerating him on the charge of cowardice, condemned him on 11 points, holding that he was vacillating, dilatory, and without enterprise. Admiral Dewey, who presided over the board, supported Admiral Schley to the main.

DEATH OF SIR JAMES LAING.

London, December 16th.—The death is announced of Sir James Laing, the well-known shipbuilder, at the age of 78. Sir James was president of the Chamber of Shipping of the United Kingdom in 1883.

TURKEY AND BULGARIA.

A BULGARIAN BEHEADED.

London, December 16th.—Three Bulgarian soldiers recently strayed across the Turkish frontier in a fog, and were promptly arrested. The Turks beheaded one, and sent his head to the district authorities, alleging that he was a rebel.

BLIZZARD IN AMERICA.

London, December 16th.—The cold in the north-western States of America is the intensest in the recollection of the oldest residents. Ten persons perished in Wyoming in a blizzard.

CHINESE COURTS RETURN TO PEKIN.

THE FAMINE IN SHENSI.

London, December 16th.—The Court has left Kaifangfu, the capital of Honan, and will reach Pekin on January 7th.

One-fourth of the population of Shensi has died of famine.

NOTES FROM GOA.

OUR Panjim correspondent, writing on Wednesday, says:—The year 1901 will not be easily forgotten, as it was the one in which occurred the foundering of a steam launch, at only a few hundred yards distance from the Palace. The launch contained about 200 passengers, though the number which should have been carried and half of them perished.

The bubonic plague has also made its appearance, and 18 persons were carried off last month in the village of Rebandar. The disease is however showing signs of abatement, owing to the prompt measures adopted by the Board of Health.

I have already informed you of the magnificent festival on the 15th December in honor of the great Canadian Confessor, Father Xavier, which was held in the aristocratic village of Loutolem. It was a happy thought of Senhor Asancio Graceas to have drawn the attention of his countrymen to the necessity of celebrating the 1st centenary festival of a man, who rendered immense services to the country and has left us mines of information relative to Portuguese India.

The Revd. Dr. Antonio de Sousa is still in the hospital and has been visited by his Grace the Patriarch. The Portuguese and Belgium Consuls who have been the guests of his Excellency the Governor start to-morrow by the gun-boat Dio for Bombay, leaving excellent impressions here.

THE BANDORA POLICE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—A correspondent "Observer" brings to light yet another factor to account for the present inefficiency of the Bandora Police viz: the unbending firmness of the European Chief Constable and the subdivisional and under divisional officers of Indian policemen under him. This looks like a house-divided against itself and the sufferers are the public I submit in these circumstances a much needed temporary relief, to the panic-stricken residents would be effect an immediate transfer from this town of the entire staff. The question of augmenting the meagre complement and otherwise improving matters could then stand over awaiting.—Yours &c.

N. M. LUNGRANA.

Bandora, January 3.

AFFAIRS IN AFGHANISTAN.

REFUGEES RETURNING TO KABUL.

A LARGE party of Afghan refugees started from Peshawar for Kabul on the 26th ult. It consisted of two Kohistani Raisis, Mir Khoja Jan Sahibzada and Mir Abdul Rasul Sahibzada, with their families. An elder brother of these two men, Mir Agha Sahibzada, who is in receipt of an allowance from the British Government, refused to go. Khowaja Jan Sahibzada is a real brother of Mir Haider Sahibzada, who was the tutor of the present Amir during his minority. The Amir has sent for them with great respect, as they took a leading part with other Ghazis during the Kabul war. The late Amir Abdur Rahman Khan had exiled them mainly lest their influence might provoke a rebellion in the country. The present Amir has accepted their petition, and allowed them to return to the country on their taking an oath on the Koran that they would remain loyal to the "King of Islam."

CYCLING ACCIDENT AT BANGALORE.

On Wednesday a serious bicycle accident occurred to the wife of Major Williams, Royal Engineers, while cycling twelve miles out of Bangalore, at the pumping station of the local water works. Mrs. Williams was one of a large party of picnickers and while coasting down a gradient lost her pedals and was violently thrown. A doctor was telephoned for, who, on arrival, pronounced the tendons of the leg to be badly broken. The injured lady was conveyed to Bangalore in a dhooly.

PASSENGERS BY THE HOMEWARD MAIL.

THE P. and O. S. N. Co's s. s. Peninsular, Captain T. Leigh, will sail to-day for London, Brindisi and Aden, with the English Mail and the following passengers:—

Caldwell, Mrs M P	Reid, Rev David
Caldwell, Miss	Rinkel, Mrs
Darrell, Is O J	Shaw, Miss
Mac Goire, Miss	Stewart, Mr F B
Quinn, Mr and Mrs	Stewart, Mrs E B
Schiffer, Serg S D T, RN	Stewart, Miss H A
Scott, Mrs	Webber, Mr S
Sinclair, Mr R M	

THE INDIAN SOCIAL CONFERENCE.

MARRIAGE OF CHILD-WIDOWS.

ADDRESS BY MR. JUSTICE CHANDAVARKAR.

AT the recent Social Conference held in Calcutta the resolution in reference to the marriage of child-widows met with some opposition. Mr. Justice Chandavarkar took occasion to reply to the opposition in the course of a speech of which the following is an extended account:—

We are at the end of the programme but before this 16th meeting of the Social Conference is dissolved, I beg to propose a hearty vote of thanks to Raja Binaya K ls na for having acted as our President and guided our deliberations. I wish to repeat what I said in opening the proceedings of this Conference that we have reason to be thankful to the Raja for the readiness with which he complied with my request when from Bombay I asked him to preside at this meeting. I knew and indeed he also told me that he was a rigid and orthodox Hindu but I also knew from enquiries I had made and the native part he had taken sometime ago in the agitation in favour of what is known as the sea-voyage movement, that his orthodoxy had enough of sweetness, sonableness and enlightenment, in it to make him a valuable acquisition to Conference. It is the orthodox whom the Conference wishes in particular to move and one special feature of this Conference has been that we have had not only an orthodox Raja as our President but a few Pundits have also joined us. That is

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to the cause of the Conference and had

THE DEATH OF RABAH'S SON.

SAID TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN BRITISH TERRITORY.

The death of Rabah's son, Fadl Ullah, now confirmed by an official despatch to the French Government, raises a delicate question in international law, viz., to what extent are the French justified in invading a British sphere of influence for the purpose of crushing their enemy.

Fadl Ullah was driven by the French from the neighbourhood of Lake Chad, had come to Bergamo for Northern Nigeria, where Major McClintock received from him assurances that his wish was to remain under British territory under British protection. The question of the Emin Frederick Lugard allowed to remain open until it was understood that Fadl Ullah had come to him at the time of Colonel Klobbock's visit with 2,000 trained troops and several thousand irregulars.

Some weeks ago, says Reuter, rumours travelled through Nigeria to the coast that the Emin had left Bergamo, and was attacked by the French, who had crossed the Franco-German frontier and followed the Emin to Gujba, a hundred and fifty miles within the British sphere, where it was said he had been killed during the fighting.

It is known that the Emin's army was short of food, and it is possible that he went towards Lake Chad for the purpose of replenishing supplies, and so fell in with the French. In the latter case Fadl Ullah would have probably been defeated in French territory. The matter evidently wants clearing up.

SOME OLD WORLD CHRISTMAS STORIES.

How one would like to see the thorn-bush which, they say, still blossoms in Glastonbury upon every Christmas Day! For here to Avalon came Joseph of Arimathea bearing the Holy Grail. And stopping to rest on Wearyall Hill, he thrust his knotted staff of hawthorn into the ground. Wonder of wonders! the dry wood burst into bud and snowy blossom; and so it has done on Christmas day ever since, as do the Jericho roses, which first sprang up rejoicing in the desert where Mary set her foot as she fled from Herod with her holy Child.

But the sweetest Christmas flower-legend is of the rose, Mary's own blossom. For first it grew only in the garden of heaven, and was known by the angels as the Rose of Love. When Adam and Eve were driven from their lovely Garden of Eden all the earth was shrouded in snow, and the angels said to think of them without a single flower to love. And they besought God to give the pale thin rose as a token of divine love and pity. So that once amid the snow it blossomed, to bless the sinners' weeping eyes. A second time it blossomed for love and forgiveness, when Christ came. For when in the lowly stable Mary bent over her little Babe, and wept because she had no gift for Him, the angel of the holy night stooped down and kissed her eyes, and upon the fields became glorious with the red and white of Paradise roses, the Roses of Love. Sweet Mary plucked them and laid them on her Baby's breast, and wreathed them about His manger-bed until it became God's own rose-garden.

What a pleasant thing it must be to have one's birth-day upon Christmas Eve! True, it offers an opportunity for thrifty elders to pay but one tribute in the name of both festivals. But surely an honourable parent understands that a Christmas babe deserves a double dole of gifts. And surely kind St. Nicholas would fill at least a pair of stockings hung by one of his special children.

But even were one's stockingless, a Christmastide birthday brings its own perquisites. Think of coming into the peace and good-will of this holy season to be the friend of all men and beasts from the very first! No evil fairy can come to mar the Christmas baby's cradle to wreak woe, as she did for the Sleeping Princess. For does not good chanticleer crow from dusk until dawn to keep away the evil spirits? And are there not a host of Christmas saints and angels protecting one upon this holy night?

Best of all is the wonder-gift which they say a Christmas baby has from the Christ-Child Himself. Such a one upon his birthday night can see visions. And can command good spirites to do his will. So that I would rather be a Christmas baby than anything else in the world.

Saints also can see visions upon Christmas Eve. I suppose it is because so few of us are either saints or Christmas-born that we can never see Santa Claus when he comes to fill the stockings. Many a time have I tried to catch him; but however early, however slyly I rose, he was never to be caught and now that I know how sad it makes him to be discovered at his good deeds, even if I become a saint of blessed vision I shall never play the spy again.

For, look you, in the old days before Saint Nicholas was known as our fat, jolly Santa Claus of pack and sleigh and reindeer, when he was a mere bishop in Asia, he used to go about secretly doing kindnesses for his friends, the children; and above all things he hated to be discovered and thanked. Once he heard of a man so poor that he had not enough for his three daughters to eat or wear, and was at his wit's end to know what to do. So one night the kind Saint crept up to the cottage window and tossed three purses of gold into the poor man's chamber, one for each daughter. Thenceforward there was no more misery in that cottage. But the man never could find wheace the lasting blessing fell.

There is another tale about our Christmas Saint which is wondrous as can be, and you may believe it or not, as you choose. For my part, I think the story of the Little Pickles scarcely strange than the idea of a reindeer sleigh dashing over our sloping modern roofs, and fat Saint Nicholas squeezing down our narrow modern chimneys. Yet the Christmas stockings are always full, and this is all the proof we need that the former tale at least is true.

Centuries ago in Asia there lived two boys whose father was about to send them to school at Athens. But on the way they were to stop at Myra to receive the blessing of good Saint Nicholas, the friend of children. Now, instead of going straight to the Bishop, they spent the night at an inn. The landlord was a wicked man who planned to steal their baggage and money. And while the boys slept he killed them, and stowed them away in a pickling-tub to be forgotten. But that same night the Bishop saw in a vision all that had happened. He went directly to the inn and accused the landlord of his horrid crime. Then the wicked fellow, marvelling at the Saint's knowledge, confessed and repented. And the Bishop prayed the Lord to restore the poor boys to life, and thus prove to the murderer that his sin was forgiven. No sooner was the prayer finished than the two boys came alive and sprang out of the pickling-tub, narrowing themselves at the Bishop's feet in gratitude. But Saint Nicholas would not be thanked, saying that to God alone was due the miracle of the answered prayer. This is why many pictures of the Saint represent him with a tub out of which two children are popping their heads.—Lippincott's magazine.

BOMBAY FOURTH EXTRA MEETING.

SATURDAY, 4TH JANUARY.

Extract from the Race Programme and Order of Running.

1st Race—The Dekkan Stakes, 2-15 p.m.
2nd Race—The Arab Handicap, 2-45 p.m.
3rd Race—The New Year Plate, 3-15 p.m.
4th Race—The Trial Plate, 3-45 p.m.
5th Race—The Regiment Plate, 4-15 p.m.
6th Race—The Heavy Weight Plate, 5-30 p.m.

By kind permission of Officer Commanding and Officers of the 1st Bombay N. I. their band will play during the afternoon.

A Special Train leaves

	Local time.
Colaba	2-30 p.m
Church Gate	2-35 p.m
Grant Road	2-46 p.m
Arrives at Mahalaxmi	2-51 p.m

HORSES STRUCK OUT.

The Debut Stakes—Cruiser.
The New Year Plate—Nonsuch, Shalboob and Cocab.
The Beginners Plate—Highborn.

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 2nd January, 1902.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

The undermentioned races will be held to-day :—
The Hog Island Races for Yachts and Tonnit are cancelled owing to paucity of entries.

Ships' Boats (Fancy High Race) Start at 2-45 p.m.

Boats names.	Entered by.
H M S Magpie's Cutter 28'	Lieut Leetche, R I M
R I M Dessaix Cutter 26'	Lieut A. McDonald R I M
H M S Magpie's Cutter 25'	Sub-Lieut Hamilton, R I M

Course No. 2 followed by course No. 13.
N.B.—Ships Boat race is to sail.

DAILY IMPORTS—JANUARY 3.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

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Stanley Hall—80 cases shoes, M Cassumjee.
Thana Simdiah—210 boxes soap, M Abdoolall.

FROM LONDON.

Oriental—11 cases gin, D Cowasjee.

FROM ANTWERP.

Rathenheimer—853 cases window glass, S Mamoojee; 500 cases candles, A Shaik Adum; 200 cases candles, K A Hoosen.

FROM TRIESTE.

Rathenheimer—23 bales paper, Henry Gutmann.
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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

After propagating principles for a couple of years the Garden City Association has resolved to proceed to something more tangible. At the annual meeting it was resolved to form a small preliminary company with the object of raising sufficient funds to investigate details and to secure a site, or at least the option of a site, for the proposed first Garden City. The erection of the City itself will be left to a bigger company.

The steamer Heathdene arrived in Sydney Harbour dated 10, from New York Laden with 18,000 barrels of kerosine oil. During the voyage a fire occurred on board and created fearful appre hension lest the cargo should be involved and the ship be blown into shreds. The crew set to work with furious energy to put out the flames. In which the captain and officers joined, while the captain's wife looked to the navigation and the captain's daughter steered. The fire was finally subdued, but the ship and its occupants had a marvellous escape.

Recently the poor inspector of the parish of Chapel Garlieth, sent an old woman to the Aberdeen West Poorhouse, with a letter describing her as exceedingly poor and needy, and greatly in want of the protection and comforts of a poorhuse. That seemed quite in order, but a little sensation was caused in the poorhouse by the discovery that the old lady had £360 7s. 1d. concealed in the lining of her dress. Nobody had had the least suspicion of this wealth as she old woman was by all appearance in extreme proverty and in a condition of semi-starvation. When the usual examination came to be made it was thought that some of the garments were somewhat heavy so that the official astonishment can be judged when on ordinary-looking petti coat was found to be padd-in with coins and 5l notes. With businesslike talent the workhouse authorities will apply the money towards the old lady's maintenance so long as she cares to stay—whether she will care to stay is another matter. So farye has said nothing about any relatives; she is very reticent, and says nothing about how so much money came into her possession. She was left, a eager some time ago—that is all she says. In the place where she lived the sympathetic had given her food.

Now that Major-General Baden-Powell is about to return to the front, his many admirers who wished him to accept the "honours of war" which they had prepared for his home-coming are once more alert. Major-General Baden-Powell, however, will have none of the honours until his task be done. Rumour has been very busy lately associating the General's name with matrimonial alliances. It has been stated that "B. P." intended to be quietly married before sailing, and to take his bride back with him We are able, however, to contradict this rumour. Nevertheless, it is true that "B. P." has had many opportunities of marriage since his return home if he had chosen to accept Mafeking-inspired affection. He has been feted and kissed—but he has been resolute against offers of marriage, most delicately, suggested, from the high-born. He will, apparently escape like a wily scout who sees without being seized.

It has been hinted that honours are in store for music-hall folks. Perhaps the wish is father to the thought but, if the rumour should materialise, it will be hardly possible to keep the veteran Mr. Charles Morton out of the list.

He is the "Father of the Halls" in made senses than one, for he is to be judged, not merely by the length of his services, but by the value of them. He has seen the free-and-easy grow into an admired and indispensable form of entertainment, and his has been the guiding hand that directed the transformation.

He is a wonderful old gentleman, with clear-cut features, not unlike those of Mr. Gladstone, and snowy white. Alert and almost as agile as ever, he judges in one swift moments the merits of every new "show" suggested to him, and he never errs.

In early years he founded the fortunes of the Canterbury and the Oxford. In more recent times he has rescued the Alhambra, the Tivoli, and the Palace.

It is at the latter hall that he enjoys the cream of his success. Every evening he may be seen sitting at his little table at the back of the stalls, sipping his cup of tea, keeping an eye on the quality of the entertainment, and receiving his friends with that quiet courtesy which is part and parcel of the man.

He is entitled to be proud of the fact that he has risen by his own efforts from such an unpromising beginning to a position second to none in the world of entertainment.

Major George Farrar, D. S. O., who was one of the four capitalists condemned to death when the Kruger regime was predominant has had a romantic career. Early in life he and his two brothers went to South Africa, thoroughly equipped with practical knowledge of engineering after acting as agents to their uncle's firm Messrs. Howard of Bedford. The discovery of gold gave to Major George Farrar and his brothers the opportunity of their lifetime. Major George Farrar by dint of hard work foresight and considerable diplomatic ability amassed a fortune which is popularly supposed to run into seven figures. He never became a Park-lane millionaire although living in Park-lane—

When the war broke out he, with his brother Percy Farrar, went to the front, was present in twenty engagements, was largely instrumental in holding Wepener, and received a major's commission and the Distinguished Service Order from the King for his services. Major Farrar now lives at Chineley Fall, Newport Pangneli, where the Basuto pony which carried him through the campaign occupies place of honour in a stable which is remarkable even in a hunting country for the number and quality of the horses it contains.

The recent arrest of three youthful "Jack Sheppards" in Wapping led an "Expres" representative to make some investigations in that fearsome region last night. The haunt of these youths was a large, dark, and deserted tract of waste land, and they had been there for some considerable time. Provisions had been disappearing, and the police looked for a big haul, but the "camp" articles of the "pirates" consisted of kettles, frying-pans, a bucket for the toilette, and even a cake of soap. The "lair" is known as Milk-yard, and an intelligent Wappingite, after poinding out a hole in the barricades where the boys entered, launched out upon the lurid lives led by the Wapping youth. "This is not the only case," he said.

These boys are the worst in London. "One gang is called the Forty Thieves, and on several occasions they have held up provision carts in broad daylight, led by the 'captain.' 'Captain Kidd' is another young reprobate, of course, there is a 'Jack Sheppard.' This youth, accompanied or a few of his pals, took a waterman's boat in the summer and boarded another boat, threatening to drown the occupants if they did not hand over everything. Women have gone to the police and complained of having mislaid their sons, and then the boys are found 'camping' out in an empty building with stolen provisions and a pack of cards to lead an extra 'devilish' out to the hiding. Wapping itself has improved, but the boys are still the most dangerous in London." The three desperadoes were remanded at Thames Police Court yesterday.

Mr. Judge Bacon had a perplexing case before him recently. Charles Haoust, a chef, sued M. Brice proprietor of the Restaurant Brice, Soho for damages for assault. Haoust was acting temporarily for the permanent chef one night, and took it into his head to leave an hour earlier than M. Brice deemed desirable, whereupon M. Brice took the law into his own hands. Several witnesses were called for the defence, but as none of them could speak English, the Judge transformed the court temporarily into a Palais de Justice, and Judge and counsel discussed the case in French. His Honour, Mr. Herbert Bamfor (for the plaintiff), and Mr. A. Harris (for the defendant) all acquitted themselves in a most excellent manner, and the whole affair was unprecedented in county court annals. The Judge also acquitted the defendant, that is to say, he gave judgment in M. Brice's favour, with costs.

A tragedy peculiarly Parisian is reported from Passy, where the young wife of a carriage-builder's cashier, learning that her husband had difficulty in balancing his accounts, and fearing disgrace, shot herself with a revolver, and was taken in a dangerous and unconscious state to hospital, while her husband was detained in custody until a remark let all by the injured woman that she "preferred death to dishonour" gave an inkling to the real situation. Thereupon the husband was released, but learning his wife's condition was desperate he had no sooner reached home than he swallowed some solution of sulphate of copper, and is himself now in a critical condition.

Barcelona has been deeply moved by a sordid tragedy which was enacted there the other night. The Marchioness de Viscar had a son, a young man of depraved and spendthrift tendencies, to whom she had been in the habit of giving money to prevent him from committing crimes which would bring him within the reach of the law. On the evening of the crime he made a demand for a large sum from his sorely tried mother. She refused to give it to the degenerate, who drew a revolver and fired at her, inflicting a mortal wound. The Marchioness was put to bed by the servants, and shortly afterwards died. The son was arrested. The Marchioness de Viscar belonged to the old Spanish aristocracy.

This is the season of the year when those who make it their business to provide amusement for the public are putting forth their utmost endeavours; consequently there could be no more appropriate time than the present for performing the interesting little ceremony which took place at the Hippodrome last night, when the shareholders of Moss's Empires Limited, took the opportunity of presenting their managing director, Mr. H. E. Moss, with the handsome bronze bust of himself by Mr. Birne Rhind, R.S.A., which we illustrate on this page to-day. Mr. Moss is, perhaps, the most active of latter-day managers, for he controls important places of amusement in London, Birmingham, Cardiff, Liverpool, Leeds, Bradford, Swansea, Newport, Shieds, Manchester, Walsall, Hull, Edinburgh, and Glasgow—to name but the principal; and every one of them is a brilliant success. This is the more gratifying when it is considered that Mr. Moss is quite a self-made man; and many who will enjoy his Christmas productions in various parts of the kingdom will heartily echo the kind wishes for all manner of future success of which he was the recipient last night. Though a ruler of Empires, Mr. Moss has never gone to war with anybody. Indeed, he is one of the most modest and pleasant men you could possibly wish to deal with.

A correspondent is reminded by the death of Sir William MacCormac of some of the eccentricities of the distinguished surgeon's father. A tasselled walking stick, beside being the inseparable companion of Dr. MacCormac played an important part in his prescriptions, and is still remembered in Belfast. Whenever the doctor was called in to attend a patient in the slums of the city the first thing he did was to poke his stick through the window of the sick chamber. He was a keen ballliver in fresh air, but not too much, and the circumference of the stick, in his opinion, just offered the measure of ventilation that he thought requisite. This way with the walking stick was not confined to the windows of the poor man's dwelling, but was extended to the windows of the Mansion House or the Palace itself. After a glance at the patient Dr. MacCormac would cross the room and poke a hole through a pane of glass. Then he felt free to administer a potion or perform his operation.

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THE STORY OF A "DRY UP."

To dry up, is a stage slang, as every amateur knows for an actor's forgetting his lines, but the words seemed very apt when Mr. Fenton applied them to an early adventure of his own. He was engaged as leading man for an autumn tour, at three pounds a week. The young beginner was elated, but as the tour unexpectedly commenced in July, the manager hinted that summer salary would be paid to begin—two pounds a week. After the first fortnight of dreadfully bad business, the manager became gloomy, and the leading man consented to take thirty shillings. At the end of another week he got a guinea. On the following Saturday there, was by way of a change, no treasury at all but a fair house. The company swore they would not play unpaid, but young Franck Fenton persuaded them so go through the first act, and then strike. The plot succeeded, but the few shillings thus obtained were the last money they ever received, and when the leading man arrived at his next engagement, his whole capital was a silver threepenny-piece!

THE NEW BELLE.

Just a year ago Miss Madge Lessing was heralded as the new beauty of the Drury Lane pantomime, and now she is the Belle of New York, a part that was, as a matter of fact, originally written for her to play. The costumes of the Belle are the same as of yore with one exception. Miss Edna May appeared in the last act in diamonds and black satin; Miss Lessing wears a wonderfully pretty little French frock, almost covered with Parma violets; the chiffon skirts and dainty coat are all of the same delicate tint, the whole is entirely composed of flowers, and she carries an ebony cane with a flashing knob and a great bunch of violets tied below it.

MISS MADGE LESSING.

There is only one thing quite as pretty as Miss Lessing's face when she is grave and demure, and that is her expression when she smiles. She frankly confesses that her first appearance on any stage was in the ranks of the chorus, but only a fortnight latter she was playing the leading part, and when one considers that this was over eight years ago and the Belle was a very little girl in short frocks it was a most unusual beginning. To her charming prettiness she adds the greater charm of being unconscious and unaffected. Although Miss Lessing's home has been in New York since she was a small child; although her voice, her consolating little manner, her style, from the top of her head to the tip of her tiny shoe, is distinctly American, the latest Belle of New York was born in London.

THE NEW HARRY BRONSON.

Although Mr. Philip Leslie can be called a new hero as far as the London production is concerned, he has toured all over the country as Harry Bronson, and played with fifteen different Belles of New York. He even appeared at the Shaftesbury during the first weeks of the original run, between the time of Mr. Harry Davenport's giving up the part and Mr. William Carlton's arrival in England. Mr. Leslie had only just started on tour, and he received such a hasty summons that he had to dress for the first act in the train, and rushed into the Shaftesbury in the middle of the overture. Born in New Zealand, but the educated in England, the Century Harry Bronson owes all his knowledge of music to Mr. Louis Parker, who was his master at Sherborne, Aberdeenshire. Mr. Leslie is a light baritone, with the youth and good looks so indispensable for a hero of musical comedy.

MR. PHILIP LESLIE.

Mr. Leslie's last appearance in London was in A Man of his Word, at the Imperial, in which he played a young subaltern. His favourite part was Vyvian, in The Happy Life, by his old friend, Mr. Louis Parker. He was also a Bensonian for a short time. Indeed, the latest Harry Bronson has the ambition to play for more serious parts than the hero of an American medley, although he is more than pleased with the management and the company at the Century. Mr. Leslie is a bachelor, and well liked by all his comrades.

THE NEW KENNETH MUGG.

Little over a month ago Mr. Gustave Kerker, the composer of The Belle of New York, met his old friend Mr. William Wolff, and told him that the Belle was in rehearsal at the Century, but there were many knotty points to be settled. So Mr. Wolff consented to untie the knots provided the piece and play Kenneth Mugg, and the result was a performance on the first night as smooth as it was rattling and successful. Mr. Wolff, accompanied by his wife, was spending a few weeks in London, after a long engagement as producer and stage-manager of grand and light opera in Australia with no intention of playing in England. His home is in Boston, but he has toured all over the States organised and run too many companies to describe and himself "repertoire" of a hundred and fifty parts from the Miser in "Les Cloche de Corneville," to Mephisto in Faust.

MR. WILLIAM WOLFF.

Mr. Wolff is as his name indicates of German birth but he has lived nearly all his life in America. He has the appearance of a man who is accustomed to managing a large number of people: short and broad shouldered with heavy, rather flat features expressive twinkling eyes—he wears glasses off the stage—and a prompt business manner. Oddly enough the original Mugg N. George Sollinger was a German contractor and possessed like Mr. Wolff an interest house in Massachusetts.

IN HIS OWN WORDS.

Mr. Wolff tells the following story of a thanksgiving supper he shared with a touring company in the seventies. It was my second year on the stage. We pulled into a little town a hundred miles from Detroit. The principals had left their overcoats and sack behind to satisfy a board bill. The manager was hustling for cash to redeem them. The advance agent had staked over a hundred bill-board passes against three blue chips in a game of poker with the hotel bar keeper. The latter won, and sold his spoil for at nickel a piece, to admit two to our show. When the curtain went up in the opera house, the balcony was crowded with pass holders, but the members of the company were literally starving. I was just about to call the game off, but and start for Detroit on a freight train, when a farmer of the backwoods sort came to the door. Well, said he I just thought I'd happen to drop in. Your man tole me you wanted a pig in the show, so I brought one along. My friend, I exclaimed, if you will give us the pig we'll let you see our great show free of charge.

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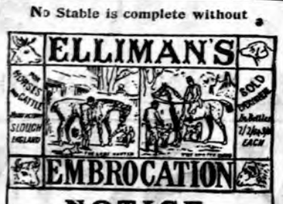

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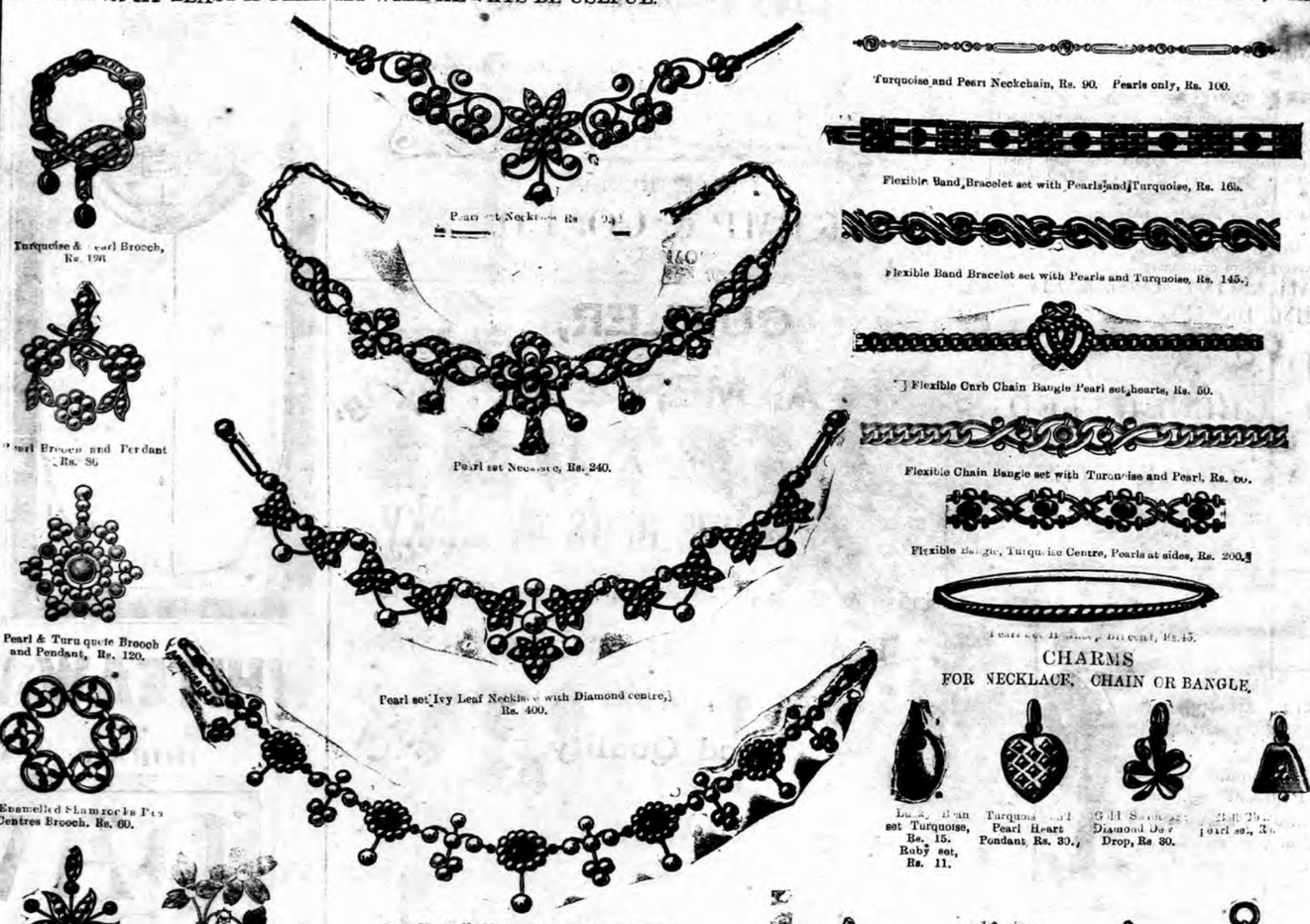
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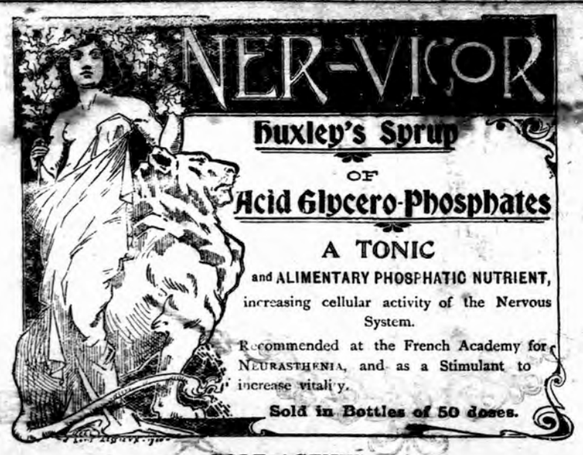

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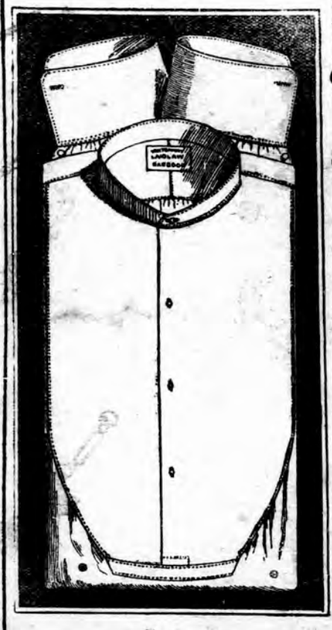

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